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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Gigantic Task

SOMETHING of the tragic bewilderment and uncertainty facing France in Indo-China was seen when the Commissioner-General in Saigon, M. Dejean said on Friday: "If the Vietminh want peace, it is up to Ho Chi-minh to formulate direct and official proposals if he wants them to be considered." For it becomes increasingly apparent as this dreary frustrating war stumbles into its 8th year that France has no proposals for the future of Indo-China and is waiting for Ho's terms before beginning negotiations for a cease-fire. Psychologically, this is bad for the French cause. The rebels hold about two-fifths of the country and their potentiality for further conquest has apparently not been seriously impaired by French counter-attacks. The French desire to end this fruitless struggle is understandable, but what of the future of Indo-China? It is rumoured France is considering splitting the country in two at the 16th parallel and abandoning the northern half—including the vital Red River Delta—to the Vietminh. But that would be quite unacceptable to the Governments of Vietnam and Laos; it would be tantamount to conceding victory to the rebels and a complete negation of all the French Union has fought for in the last seven years.

THERE are fears that France will sanction the establishment of an all-Vietminh Government with control of which could easily fall into the hands of the Communists, as happened in Eastern Europe. The other alternative is to continue fighting and there are two schools of thought on the likely outcome. But one thing seems certain: while Communist prospects of ultimate victory are non-existent, the prospects of a French victory are equally hopeless as long as fighting continues on its present basis. If there is in fact a stalemate in the military situation, France must prepare immediately for the gigantic task of beginning negotiations at Geneva in April. And all she can hope for is to retain as much of the country as possible after any cease-fire and work for reforms within the three states which will strengthen democratic government and weaken the control of the Communists.

## BRITISH AID FOR EDC

### New Forms Of Association With Project DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

London, Feb. 21.

Britain is expected to announce shortly full details of the practical aid she intends to give to the projected European Defence Community.

Diplomatic circles here forecast an early announcement of these British guarantees which have been under discussion for several months in the six-nation European Army Interim Committee in Paris.

It is felt that the failure of the Berlin conference of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers to make progress on Germany will speed the establishment of the Defence Community, which sets up a West German defence force within the European Army.

The British "practical aid" to be detailed soon will be additional to the British neutral aid guarantee signed with members of the Community in Paris in 1952 and to the plans being discussed for liaison and joint training between European Army troops and British forces.

Britain is likely, in announcing new forms of association with the EDC, to agree to the following two points:

1. To give an undertaking that she would not summarily withdraw troops from the continent. This could not, however, be embodied in a formal guarantee as the British Government could give France a virtual veto over the use of British troops.
2. To agree to British representation on the Ministerial body responsible for the European Army on occasions where British interests are affected.

It is also thought probable here that the United States will, at the same time, re-emphasize her interest in the strategic planning which underlies the European Army plan and implies the maintenance of American troops in Europe.

There is no indication here yet that Britain is contemplating any further offer to France beyond the practical aid proposals already under discussion.

And there is no backing here for the suggestion that this might be done to facilitate the course of the coming debate on the ratification of the EDC treaty in the French Parliament.

In Britain, the Labour Opposition is split over the question of West German participation in Western defence. The Party is to meet privately on Tuesday to try to resolve its differences in the matter before a two-day debate in the House of Commons on the Berlin meeting to be opened by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

Sir Winston Churchill may give his view on the outcome of the Berlin meeting during this debate. Labour's 292 members of Parliament are mainly divided on the big issue—whether a West German contribution to Western defence would help or endanger Western security.

But there are also many sectional points of view. Some Labour members are unalterably opposed to West German rearmament, but others would agree if Britain joined the European Army.

Some want Britain—and not West Germany—in the European Army. But others seek the reverse. A few oppose a West German force in the European Army, but would be prepared to consider such a group in a re-organized form of NATO. The Party passed a resolution at its last annual conference opposing the rearmament until the great powers had made further attempts to unify Germany—Reuter.

**US ASSURANCES**  
Washington, Feb. 21.  
The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is expected to offer the French what assurances he can of continued United States commitments in Europe on some well-chosen occasion before the French Parliament debates European Defence Community ratification.

In connection with this conjuncture, however, diplomatic quarters were also inclined to believe Mr. Dulles might again voice his concern over the confusion into which French rejection of EDC would throw the European policy—a confusion Mr. Dulles once said would demand an "agonising reappraisal" of that policy.

In their search for reassurances believed likely to strengthen French resolve in going ahead with EDC, Mr. Dulles and his advisers are known to be considering the following:

1. French promises to keep United States forces in Europe, perhaps coupled with suggestions that the bringing of EDC into being would keep United States troops committed to the wisdom of this policy.
2. The possibility of extending the life of NATO beyond its present term of 25 years.
3. Reaffirmation of United States determination to "bring about the peaceful unification of Germany."

### Queen Opens Parliament



The Queen, wearing a fawn lace gown with diamond and pearl tiara, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, in white naval uniform, arrives for the opening of the New South Wales Parliament during their tour of Australia.—London Express.

## Thousands Involved In Soviet High Level Purges

London, Feb. 21.

The wave of Soviet high level purges in the outlying republics has caught up with the Party rank and file, according to a broadcast from Tiflis (Tbilisi) Radio monitored in London today.

More than 3,000 members of the Communist Party of Soviet Georgia—home state of Lavrenti P. Beria, the executed former Soviet secret police chief—were expelled during the past 17 months, the broadcast from the Georgian capital said.

The figure was quoted at a Congress of the Georgian Communist Party held in Tiflis last week.

The man who reported on the dismissals (actual number 3,011 between September 1952 and February 1 this year) is a Party leader who has emerged at the top from a series of purges which have rocked the Soviet Republic ever since Beria was arrested by Red Army men in June last year.

Time and again the Party and State leadership have been reorganised. "Now," "Comrade" Mkhavanadze (the radio quoted no initials or first name) has emerged as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Georgian Party—that is, Party boss for the Republic.

Mkhavanadze reported to the Party Congress "great harm" had been done in Georgia itself by Beria and his "criminal gang" and said "these enemies and traitors got their just deserts". Nevertheless, the new Georgian Party chief did not directly link the dismissals of Party members with the Beria case, according to the Tiflis Radio broadcast, but did he disclose what percentage were expelled after Beria's arrest.

**EMBELLISHMENT**  
Mkhavanadze said the "overwhelming" majority of Party members were dismissed for embellishment and the misappropriation of state collective farm and co-operative funds. He drew the conclusion that there had been a low level of ideological training. And "new waves" of Party members were being "trained" in the "new" Georgia, he said. "The Party is now a more conscious and more responsible body than ever before," he said.

## French Plead For More Help In Indo-China

Dalat, Indo-China, Feb. 21.

France asked the United States foreign aid administrator, Mr. Harold Stassen, today for more help in the Indo-Chinese war in case the Geneva peace conference fails to prevent a fight to the finish, informed sources said.

These sources said the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, presented the request to Mr. Stassen at a "Little Big Three" conference at Emperor Bao Dai's Imperial Palace, where Western leaders met to map the future of the eight-year-old war.

M. Pleven met Mr. Stassen in a closed session on the fringe of high-level consultations conducted here to co-ordinate the West's policies for the April Indo-China and Korea peace parley in Geneva.

Whether the French had submitted a specific plan for a greater amount of money, or war material was not immediately reported. But French officials were openly dismayed by Mr. Stassen's statement, upon his landing in Indo-China three days ago, that the current US shipments are "sufficient" for victory.

Shortly after Mr. Stassen's declaration, indicating that the US apparently was not prepared to spend more dollars above the present level fixed by Congress, M. Pleven warned that the French would not be able to sustain the war for several months in the North that "France alone cannot bear the crushing burden."

### BILATERAL VIEWS

For a few hours today the Vietnamese Emperor's Palace was headquarters for a little "Big Three" conference, but most of the talks were bilateral view exchanges.

The British High Commissioner for Southeast Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, landed here from Singapore early today. Mr. Stassen arrived last night for talks with Bao Dai.

Today the US Foreign Operations Administrator conferred with M. Pleven, French State Secretary for War Pierre de Chevigne, the High Commissioner in Indo-China, Maurice Dejean, and the Chief of Staff, General Paul Ely.

Mr. Stassen was assisted by the United States Ambassador to Indo-China, Mr. Donald Heath.

After the talks—which French officials said reviewed the whole war scene—Mr. Stassen returned to Saigon, 80 miles southwest of here, and flew immediately to Manila. He will head a conference of chiefs of US aid missions to the Far Eastern countries there before

reporting on his talks with the French to President Eisenhower.

After consulting M. Pleven and his chief aides and Bao Dai, the British High Commissioner will tour the main battlefields and hold conferences with front commanders and local native governments.

### SAIGON STATEMENT

M. Pleven, who flew to Indo-China to supervise operations stemming the Communist advance in North Laos, is expected to return to Paris in the middle of this week.

Mr. Stassen said in Saigon that he considered US military aid to Indo-China now was sufficient for the commander-in-chief, General Henri Navarre, to carry out his victory plan. But economic aid, he said, should be boosted—particularly to take care of refugees and rebuild the hundreds of villages destroyed in eight years of scorched-earth bloodletting.

The fighting itself had slackened off, recalling Korea during the Pannumjom truce negotiations. It appeared that the fighting men, like the leaders in Paris, were keeping their eyes on Geneva and April 25—United Press.

### FIGHT FOLLOWS MEETING

Rome, Feb. 21.

Four persons were slightly injured today during a fight between Communists and Neo-Fascists following a political meeting organized in the Rome suburb by the Neo-Fascist "Italian Social Movement." Several persons were reported to have been arrested.—France Presse.

### Charges Denied

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Navy today denied British charges that U.S. Navy ships shadowed British merchantmen suspected of trading with Communist countries. "It just is not true," a Navy spokesman said of the British charges. "The Navy denies it."—United Press.

## 1st Round To Scelba

Rome, Feb. 21.

Premier designate Mario Scelba, who won the first round of his battle with Italy's Communists and fellow-travelers, appeared certain today to carry Round Two.

Signor Scelba defeated the first threat to his new government by firmly putting down Communist-led strike demonstrations. Political observers predicted that he would prevail again when he goes before the Senate to seek a confidence vote.

The political atmosphere was ominously quiet after a week in which the Sicilian-born Christian Democrat's firm handling of potentially dangerous Communist strikes emphasized his determination to restore stability to Italy.

The Communist strike menace appeared to be over, at least for the time being. The unions are now studying Signor Scelba's announced programme for social reform.

In Parliament, the Senate is believed to be ready to give his Centre coalition government a vote of confidence by about 15 votes. With 10 speakers still to be heard, Senate discussion resumed on Tuesday morning. "The government vote is not expected before Friday."

The Chamber of Deputies since then has been busy with the discussion of the Budget. The government's programme for social reform, the "Scelba Plan," is being discussed in detail.

## Attempt To Beat Fasting Record

Antwerp, Feb. 21.

Fakir Hero, the world's fasting record holder, is now trying to beat his own record of 20 days, 4 hours and 30 minutes without food.

The fakir, who is locked up in a glass case, intends to subsist on mineral water and cigarettes. He will undergo medical examination every fortnight.

This is Hero's fourteenth spectacular fast. He started in 1926 when he remained without eating during 49 days and 15 hours.—France Presse.

## WOMAN STRANGLED Husband's Alleged Confession

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 21.

The 35-year-old son of a wealthy Pittsburgh family has confessed that he strangled his 45-year-old wife "because she had been cheating on me," the police reported last night.

Officers said Francis Albert Rybar, 35, of Hollywood, had confessed to the slaying of his wife, Mrs. Mary Rybar, 45, on the Sunset strip after leaving a night club early today, and asked them to "shake hands with a murderer."

He kissed her tenderly, then I strangled her with my bare hands," Rybar was quoted as saying. "I finished off the job with a bathroom towel."

The semi-clad body of attractive Mrs. Rybar had been found two hours earlier in an El Sereno motel room. The coroner's office listed strangulation as the cause of death. "It had pleased with her for so long to mend her ways," he said, "and I could get together and lead a happy normal life. I just couldn't stand it any more," Rybar told the police.

Detective T. Buckley said Rybar, held on suspicion of murder in \$10,000 bond from his mother in 1951 and moved here a year ago from the East.—United Press.

## Smugglers' Gun Fight With Police

Calcutta, Feb. 21.

Two women were killed and ten others injured by a gun battle between police and two opium smugglers in Calcutta's main railway station today. The smugglers were armed with a revolver and a Sten gun and are alleged to have fired indiscriminately in their efforts to escape.—United Press.

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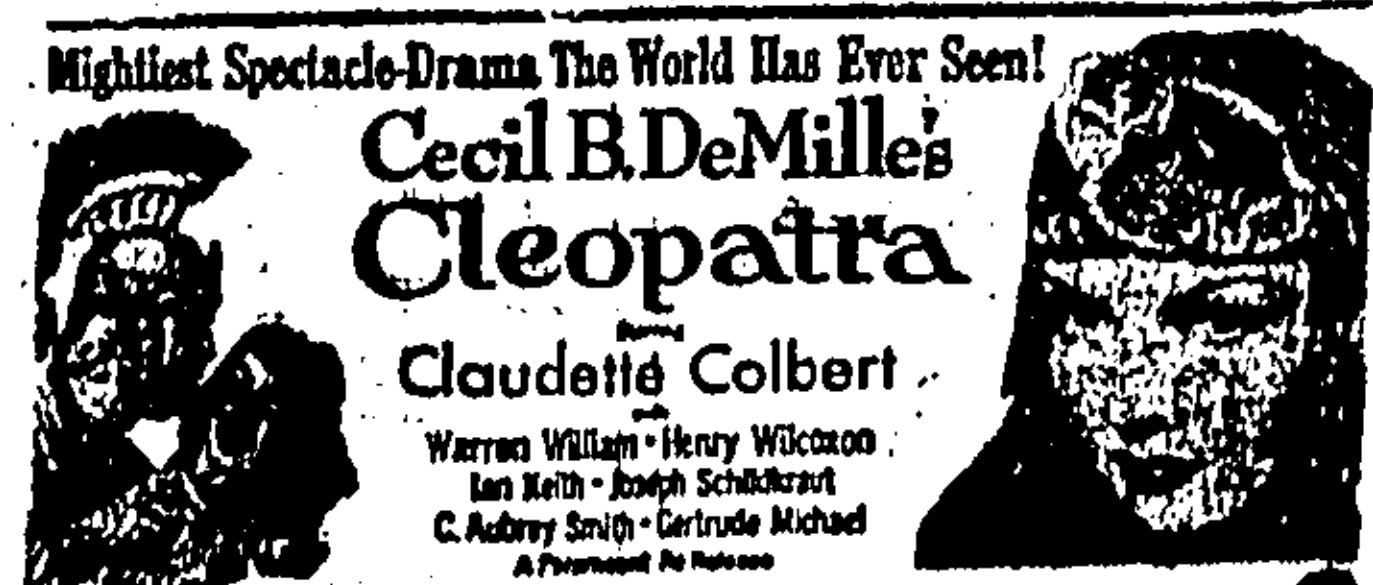
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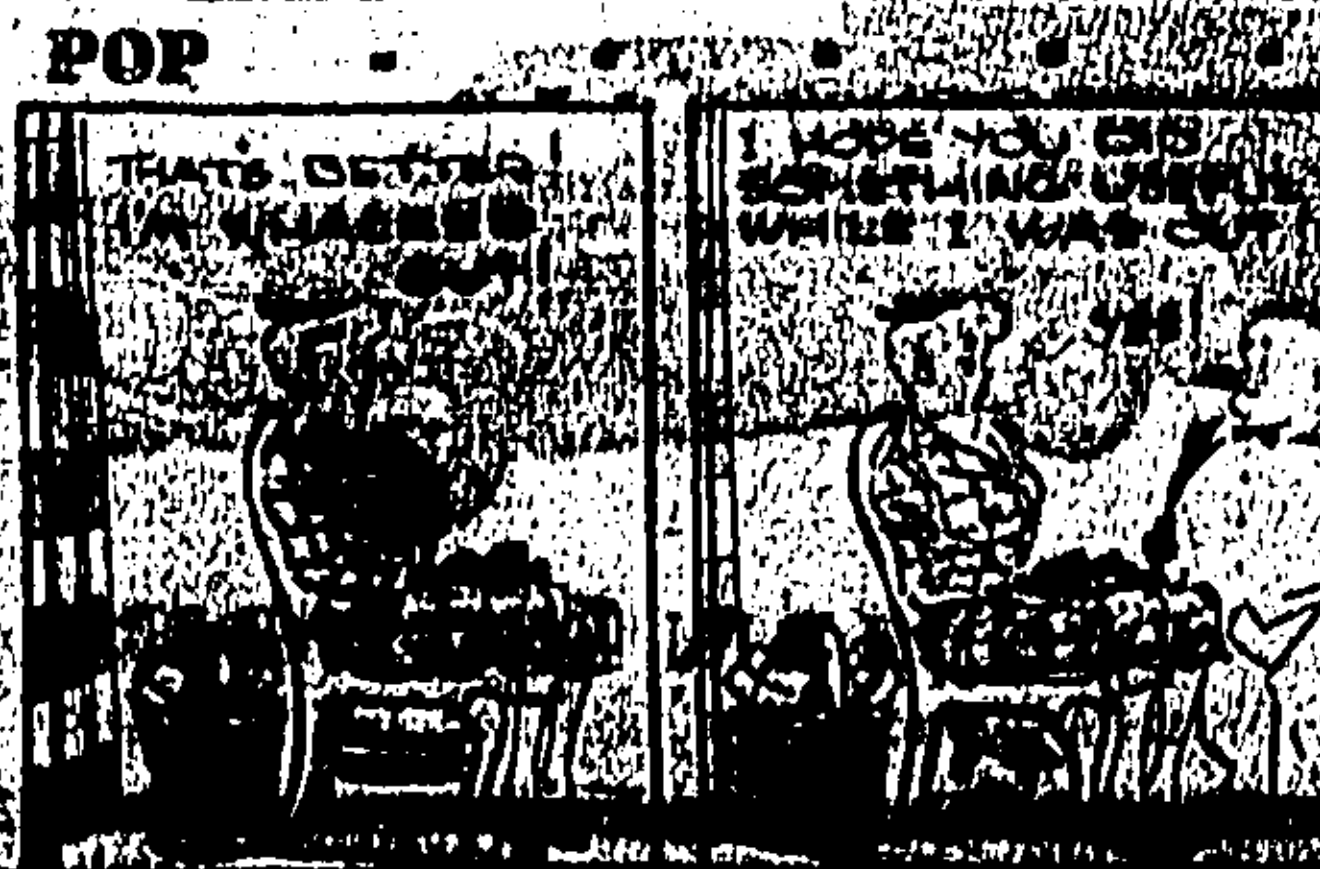


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# SHARP RISE IN SLAVE TRADING

Duke Of Kent At Sandhurst



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US Senator Urges:

## "No Softening On Red China Policy"

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Styles Bridges, said today the inclusion of Communist China in the Geneva conference must not foreshadow a "softening" that could lead to diplomatic recognition of the Red regime.

The New Hampshire Republican issued the warning as Secretary of State John Foster Dulles prepared for a series of meetings with Congressional leaders and a radio-TV report to the nation. Mr. Dulles will discuss the recent Big Four meeting in Berlin which set up the Far Eastern peace talks in Geneva.

His statement followed similar expressions of concern by some other Congressmen. South Korea and Nationalist China that Red China's presence at the talks might be the "opening wedge" to eventual recognition.

Mr. Dulles has said, however, that the Communists made all the concessions and the meeting will be "100 per cent on this country's terms". He emphasized the agreement provided especially that recognition would not be an issue at the talks.

Senator Bridges, departing for a European survey trip, said: "I don't want the inclusion of the Chinese Communists (at Geneva) in any way to indicate a softening of our position to-

ward them or to indicate that this country has changed its mind about recognition of Communist China or its admission to the United Nations.

STRONGLY OPPOSED

"I am strongly opposed to both, and I believe the great majority in Congress and of the American people are, too." The agreement to meet in Geneva on April 28 was reached on the final day of the Berlin Big Four talks. Korea unification and peace in Indo-China are scheduled for discussion.

Meanwhile, leaders of both Republican and Democratic parties have been invited to the State Department for the first of Mr. Dulles' briefing on plans for Geneva and the results of Berlin. State Department spokesmen said the briefings are in line with Administration efforts to further a bipartisan foreign policy by having Democratic Congressional leaders abreast of developments.—United Press.

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## Police Action Ordered

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

Japanese police are under strict orders to intensify efforts to check Japan's "slave trade". Sales of children have increased sharply following the worst rice crop in 60 years.

The business of buying and selling human lives booms whenever poverty and hunger are rife. Busy brokers move from hotel to hotel in the poorer country districts haggling over the price of a pretty young girl or a small boy as if they were buying a sack of rice.

Last year, reported cases of slave trading exceeded 10,000. But police say that the actual number of cases was many times that. "Only a fraction of an iceberg is visible above the water," was how one official put it. "The same is true of the slave trade."

Like the iceberg, the average Japanese farmer usually just manages to keep his head above water, since he gets only a small financial return for a big labor outlay. A minor natural disaster in Japan is often a major family disaster.

In the still semi-feudal atmosphere of rural Japan, the children themselves often consider it worthy and noble to sacrifice their freedom for their families.

One of the factors hampering police investigation is the reluctance of victims to make their plight known.

Usually, they live in bondage in miserable, but it is no more miserable than the life they knew at home. As slaves, they may not be fed well. But they are at least fed.

ECONOMIC SOLUTION

In many cases, slavery has been an economic solution not only for the victim but also for the victim's family. "Rescue" only means a return to bad conditions.

According to police statistics, girls constitute about 90 per cent of human traffic in Japan. Seventeen-year-olds bring the best price. They are usually sold into prostitution. The price of a young Japanese on the slave market ranges from 3,000 Yen to 50,000 Yen (\$3 to \$50 sterling) depending upon the "profession" into which the victim is being sold.

But out of this sum comes the broker's commission, and the farmer who sells his child is lucky to get enough food for a month out of the transaction. To do so, the law of a broker will often post a "help wanted" notice at the entrance of a buyer's house and force the victim to walk in as if applying for the job.

WELL ORGANISED

Police have found it difficult to break the bigger networks of brokers and buyers who are extremely well organized. But they are trying to get a lead on their activities by checking on the disappearance of children from schools and farms in country areas.

Police also claim that they are unable to make any real headway because there is no law directly applicable to this practice of buying and selling human lives. They can only take action against the brokers and buyers for violating the provisions of the employment and labor laws or the juvenile protection laws.

Welfare officials say that the problem is more economic than legal.

"The solution does not lie in the introduction of any new laws," one official explained. "It mixed up with the whole enormous problem of the country's economy and its large and rapidly increasing population."—China Mail Special.

18 Villages Flooded

Tehran, Feb. 21. Eighteen villages were flooded at least the Afghan border, by the river, Hermand which, but its banks following torrential rains and the first melting of the snows, the evening news paper "Kiehan" reported last night.

The paper said the situation was critical—France Press.

An Expert Says:

## London's Shop Fronts Are Monstrous & Repellent

The exterior of shops in Britain's major cities and towns, had become "so monstrous and so repellent," that it was turning us into a nation of inefficient shopkeepers, said Prof. A. E. Richardson recently.

He is a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission and Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy School. The criticisms were made in an address to the Royal Society of Arts, London, on shops and shopkeeping throughout the ages.

The interiors of many stores, he thought, were magnificent. But he deplored "all the rubbish" cluttering up their outside. Distorted lettering, ill-proportioned vitreous facades, chromium plate, huge sheets of plate glass, all proclaimed false ideals. Whitechapel now extended as far as Marble Arch along Oxford Street, with its strange architecture and chaotic effect.

There was diminishing trade in Regent Street, whose magnificent buildings standing on slender pillars supports impart an impression of gloom. It had become provincial. Bond Street maintained its position only by appealing to the American market.

"The elegance of the Fitz Hotel" was pleasing. He would like to see more colonnaded streets with shops hidden beneath.

Of provincial cities, he said the quiet dignity of Edinburgh's Princes Street "had been disturbed by huge blocks." Grey Street, Newcastle, had "lost its former dignity."

Satellite Street, Glasgow, was "undescript." Liverpool's main street looked "hazy" and Manchester's had "fallen from proud estate."

The list of untidy shopping streets could be extended to New Street, Birmingham, to Bristol Gloucester and Bath, where Milton Street alone stretches the full length of the city.

Dublin had allowed the shops of Grafton Street to become vulgarized and the shops of Belina were in similar distress.

GENERAL UNTIDINESS  
"What a depressing body I am sorry to say is accompanied by a lot of untidy untidiness. What is the advantage of showing a whole window crammed full of underclothes all the same where one would do? It was part of the general untidiness."

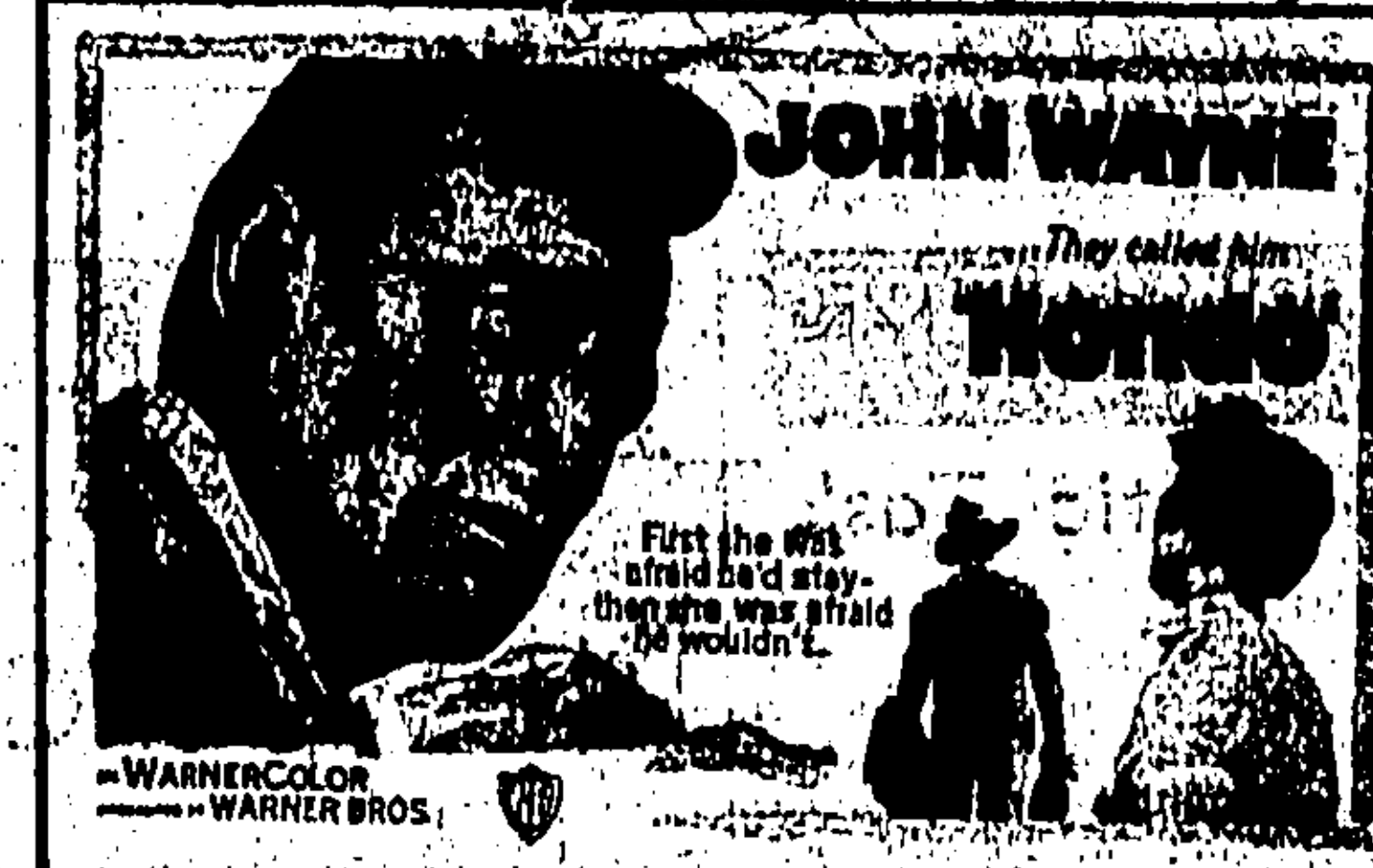
As lantern slides illustrated some of the shops among shops prepared from the film, Prof. Richardson was provoked to denounce the "sharp" taste, the blinding brightness and general untidiness, which he emphasized with a slide of Bleary Square.

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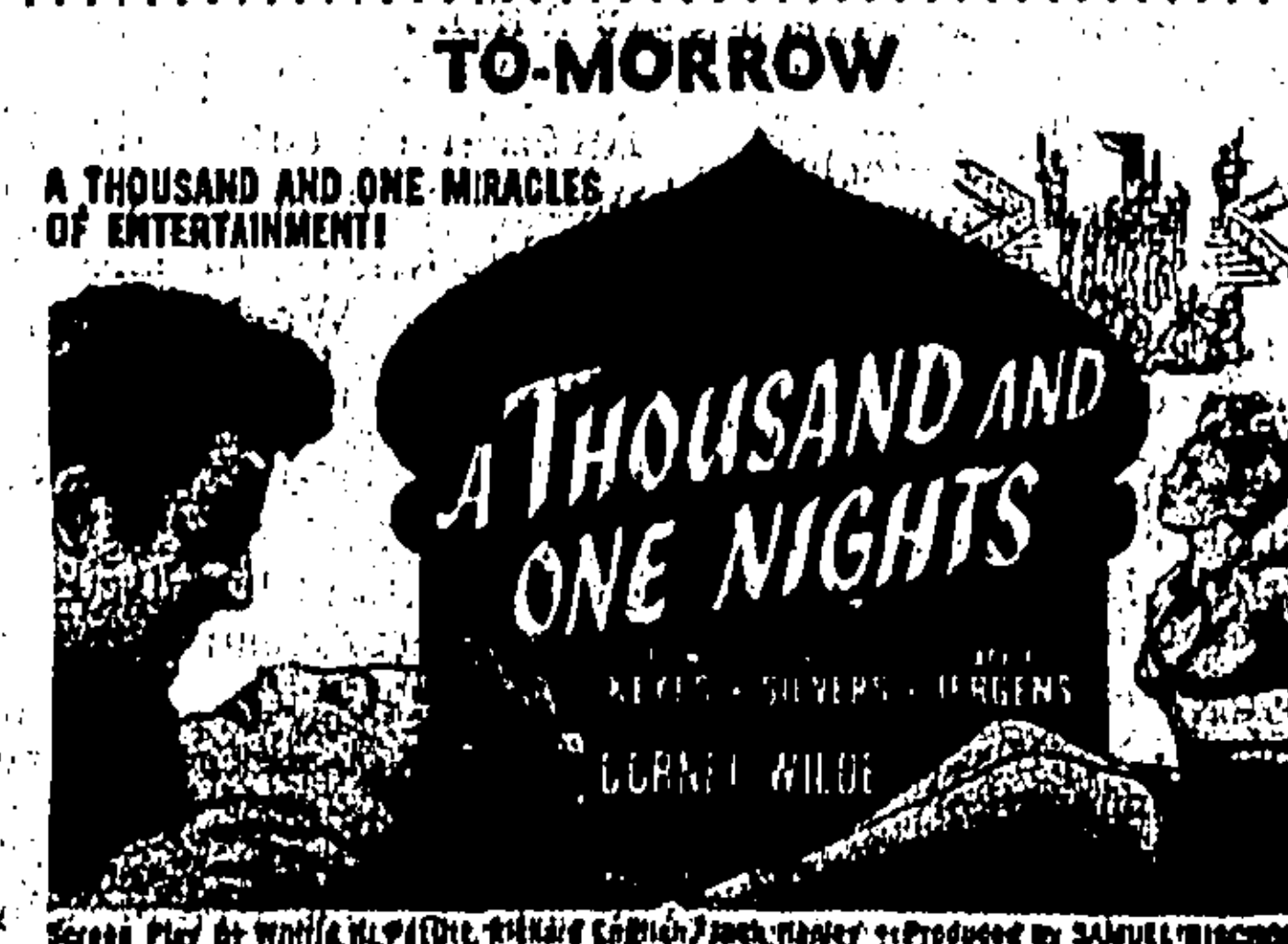
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# GIBRALTAR FOR SPANISH NEUTRALITY?

## Newspaper Says Churchill Made This Offer During Last War

Madrid, Feb. 21. The Falange newspaper, Arriba, today published an article alleging that during the war Sir Winston Churchill had offered the return of Gibraltar in return for Spanish neutrality, Reuter reports.

The article was signed "Macaulay" which is believed to be the pen name used by a prominent figure of the regime.

Despite denials by Buckingham Palace officials, there are persistent reports in Madrid that the Queen's visit will be cancelled.

The Arriba article said: "The British forget that when during the last war Britain faced the most difficult moment in her history, it was Spain's neutrality which held out hope for her. It was then Mr. Churchill told the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, that if Spain remained neutral and did not attack Britain, at the end of the war she would arrange the return of Gibraltar to Spain, and would help her achieve her traditional desire for expansion in North Africa at the expense of the French."

(Sir Winston Churchill in the second volume of his war memoirs reproduced a note which he sent on June 26, 1940, to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in which he said: "I am sure we shall gain nothing by offering to 'discuss' Gibraltar at the end of the war. Spain will know that, if we win, discussions would not be fruitful; and if we lose, they would not be necessary. I do not believe more verbiage of this kind will affect the Spanish decision.")

Earlier in the same volume, Sir Winston wrote that Spain, like everyone else, was staggered by the sudden downfall of France and the expected downfall of Britain. "France, therefore, indicated in June that he was prepared to join the victors and share in the distribution of the spoils on August 8 the German Ambassador in Madrid informed Berlin that the Capitulation still held the same view, but that he had certain requests to make. First, the assurance that Gibraltar, French Morocco and part of Algeria, including Oran, should be given to Spain... finally, Franco felt that the intervention of Spain should not take place until after the German landing in England."—Reuter.

**PERSISTENT REPORTS**  
Madrid, Feb. 21. Spanish papers revived their discussion of the Gibraltar issue today against a background of continuing reports that Queen Elizabeth would cancel her proposed visit there at the last moment.

The reports arose from an off the record remark to Spanish reporters ten days ago by a well-known personality.

He stated: "We have the impression here that at the last moment the Queen's visit may be cancelled. But this is strictly off the record."

Despite his embargo, the remark leaked out and was apparently published abroad. ABC, the Monarchist paper, said today that Spain would be pleased "thanks to the well-known discretion of Sir Winston Churchill."—Reuter.

## South Africa Stops "Gretna Green" Marriages

Pretoria, South Africa, Feb. 21.

The South African and the Mozambique Governments have agreed to stop "Gretna Green" marriages between couples who cross the border when the law of their own land forbids them. It is at present easier for Portuguese couples to get married in South Africa than it is in their own country. In Mozambique birth certificates must be produced but in the Union a declaration of the age of the wedding couple is enough.

Many underage Portuguese couples thus elope to the Union. Variations in the marriage laws also enable South Africans to get married legally in Portuguese Mozambique when a wedding would be prohibited in the Union.

It is understood that the method to be adopted to prevent irregular marriages will be to require intending couples to report to their consular representatives, who must see that the law of their countries is obeyed. —China Mail Special.

## Newly-Wed Says "I'm Still Faithful To Bertha"

Singapore, Feb. 21.

The Singapore Malay school teacher Manoor Adabi, the annulment of whose marriage to the Dutch "jungle girl" Bertha Hertzog led to serious rioting here in 1950, was married today to a 17-year-old Malay girl. Adabi, 31, the 13-year-old Dutch girl he remembers as his bride.

Adabi told the press after his marriage to Kallan Binti Jamari, a demure Malay bride, he was still faithful to Bertha, whom the court here ordered to be returned to her Dutch mother.

Many Europeans were killed in the four-day Muslim rioting which followed the court decision. Today's marriage was the culmination of a tedious, painful romance which began at the Anglo-Malay Evening School.

Young Bertha, who is now in Holland with her parents, spent the period of the Japanese occupation with a Malay family and went through a stormy marriage with Adabi. Her mother went to Singapore to claim her back. —France-Press.

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across 1. Hubert, 5. Glad, 9. John, 10. Diana, 11. Robert, 12. George, 13. Peter, 14. John, 15. Robert, 16. John, 17. Peter, 18. John, 19. Robert, 20. George, 21. Peter, 22. John, 23. Robert, 24. George, 25. Peter, 26. John, 27. Robert, 28. George, 29. Peter, 30. John, 31. Robert, 32. George, 33. Peter, 34. John, 35. Robert, 36. George, 37. Peter, 38. John, 39. Robert, 40. George, 41. Peter, 42. John, 43. Robert, 44. George, 45. Peter, 46. John, 47. Robert, 48. George, 49. Peter, 50. John, 51. Robert, 52. George, 53. Peter, 54. John, 55. Robert, 56. George, 57. Peter, 58. John, 59. Robert, 60. George, 61. Peter, 62. John, 63. Robert, 64. George, 65. Peter, 66. John, 67. Robert, 68. George, 69. Peter, 70. John, 71. Robert, 72. George, 73. Peter, 74. John, 75. Robert, 76. George, 77. Peter, 78. John, 79. Robert, 80. George, 81. Peter, 82. John, 83. Robert, 84. George, 85. Peter, 86. John, 87. Robert, 88. George, 89. Peter, 90. John, 91. Robert, 92. George, 93. Peter, 94. John, 95. Robert, 96. George, 97. Peter, 98. John, 99. Robert, 100. George.



For his first exhibition of sculpture in London in three years, Henry Moore, whose provocative work is known throughout the world, has sent a life size pair of figures in bronze and called them "King and Queen". Head designs are in contrast to the beautifully modelled feet. Price is £3,000.—Express Photo.

## Narriman To Be Charged With Smuggling

Cairo, Feb. 22. An investigation of a smuggling charge against ex-Queen Narriman will begin here on Wednesday, the Government's Legal Department disclosed last night.

A spokesman for the Department said that Narriman had been accused of having smuggled from Egypt 17,000 Egyptian pounds (about £17,425 sterling) in 1930 when she left for Italy to buy her trousseau before her wedding to the then King Farouk.

Nineteen-year-old Narriman, now given the courtesy title of "Princess," spent seven months in Rome in 1930, being groomed for her role as Queen. She married Farouk in May 1931, but spent only 14 months in the Egyptian court before her husband was forced to abdicate.

After eight months of exile she left Farouk to return to Cairo in March of last year. Early this month she obtained a divorce from Farouk. She is claiming alimony of 5,000 Egyptian pounds a month (about £5,125 sterling) with the right of access to their son, Ahmed Fuad II.—Reuter.

## WRAF Director Visiting The Far East

London, Feb. 22.

The Director of the Women's Royal Air Force, Air Commandant N.M. Salmon, will visit the Far East from February 27 until March 14, the Air Ministry announced today.

Air Commandant Salmon will tour all units of the Far East Air Force at which members of the Women's Royal Air Force are serving.

They will include the headquarters of the Far East Air Force, Air Headquarters Singapore, Air Headquarters Malaya, and Royal Air Force stations at Changi, Seletar and Butterworth.—Reuter.

## Soviet Schools Are Cold

Moscow, Feb. 21. The Soviet Teachers' Gazette reported today, children were their teachers in some schools because of lack of heating. Others were staying away from school.

"Can one expect anything about the quality of studies if children are compelled to study in icy cold?" the paper asked. "It is necessary to adopt vigorous measures to rectify the situation in every school with heat."

"This is a pressing task of the public education department and the State Committee for the Construction of the USSR."—Reuter.

## "King & Queen" By Henry Moore

## McCarthy Says US Army Is "Coddling And Promoting Reds"

New York, Feb. 21. Senator Joseph McCarthy, Chairman of the Senate Investigations Sub-committee, today accused the army of an "attempt to coddle and promote Communists" and of claiming "special immunity from legislative investigations and exposure of the misfactors."

He made the accusation in a statement saying Army Secretary, Mr. Robert Stevens, due to testify publicly before him in Washington on Tuesday, would be asked to explain the Army's "shielding and coddling" of "amendment Communists"—witnesses who refused to answer questions under the provision against self incrimination in the fifth amendment of the Constitution.

## Fuel Costs Halved In This New Car

Britain's first big economy car is on its way—a diesel-engined version of a 6-seat saloon that can go 45 miles on a 4s. 1d. gallon of gas oil, according to reports from London.

It is a new Standard Vanguard and it will be in the motor showrooms by April. Fuel consumption is about half that of the normal Vanguard.

The makers claim that its engine will save a 20,000-mile-a-year motorist £125 in fuel costs—that is compared with running a similar-sized petrol-engined car with petrol 4s. 2½d. to 4s. 5½d. a gallon. Outwardly, the new Vanguard is exactly the same as the latest petrol-engined model. But beneath the roomy body is a redesigned chassis.

**IT'S HEAVIER**  
This is to take the heavier engine—530lb., compared with its 442lb. petrol counterpart. The whole car weighs about 2,000 more than the petrol version, and at £1,042 (including £307 tax) is £225 dearer.

The 2.1 litre four-cylinder diesel runs smoothly, but is slightly noisier than the normal engine. And there is a drawback: top speed is 65-60 miles an hour—about 10 miles an hour slower.

Standards have been turning out the diesel for two and a half years. More than 30,000 have been built—all for tractors and taxis. Modifications have been made to the private-car engine.

**MORE MILES**  
An official of the firm said: "On a test to Madrid and back the car did 42 miles to the gallon all the way. London cab drivers get 32 miles per gallon for all-town work, against the normal 17 miles per gallon on a petrol engine."

The petrol-engined Vanguard will continue in production; output of the new car will depend on demand.

**FOOTNOTE**—The new Vanguard is the first shot in a manufacturer's sales battle—an engine that can almost double a car's mileage to a gallon of cheaper fuel is an obvious attraction, and I have seen several hush-hush models in other factories.

**"Mass Destruction Weapons Must Be Banned"**  
London, Feb. 21.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said today: "At the earliest practical moment, repeated attempts should be made to forbid the use of weapons of mass destruction."

In a broadcast speech on the "Misuse of Science," the Archbishop said: "Until such an agreement is reached, the world is threatened with destruction. The agreement, he said, would have to provide for 'effective inspection and drastic sanctions for any breach.'"

He added: "tested by Christian standards, all methods of mass destruction whether by bombs, by nuclear weapons, by gas or by bacteriological warfare, are condemned."—France-Press.

**Home From Behind The Iron Curtain**  
Rome, Feb. 21.

Two trainloads of 1,500 ragged, undernourished Greeks returning home from five years' captivity behind the Iron Curtain, arrived in Venice today. They were taken as hostages by the Communists during the guerrilla campaign in Greece. Shortly after their arrival here, half of them left for Greece aboard the ship "Sofia".

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## CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLACK BARONET

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Gillings, the butler, found Colonel Jocelyn Daley stabbed to death in the banquet hall at Lavington Court. The host, Sir Reginald Lavington, was suspected of having a motive for murder because of jealousy over his wife. Now Dr Watson tells how Sherlock Holmes investigates.

## PART TWO

MY friend had dropped to his knees, and by the light of a candle was peering closely at the horrible splashes of blood and wine which dabbled the oaken floor.

"Perhaps you would have the goodness, Watson, to pull that bell-rope," he said, as he scrambled to his feet.

## LADY LAVINGTON'S EYES DILATED— THEN SHE RUSHED FROM THE ROOM

"A word with the butler, who discovered the body, would not come amiss before we seek accommodation at the village inn. Let us adjourn to the hall."

"In God's name, Margaret, what have you been saying?" he demanded, the veins swelling in his thick neck. "You'll have me at the rope's end yet!"

"Whatever the sacrifice, I swear you shall not suffer! Surely it is better than—!" She whispered a few agitated words in his ears.

I think that each of us was glad to leave that black, vaulted room with its terrible occupant, and to find ourselves once more before the log fire blazing on the hearth. Lady Lavington, pale but beautiful in a gown of bronze velvet with a collar of Brussels lace, rose from a chair.

For a moment her eyes seemed to search each one of us with a mute, intense questioning, and then she had swept to her husband's side.

"Never! Never!" retorted her husband fiercely. "What? You here, Gillings? Have you too been condemning your master?"

None of us had heard the butler's approach, but now he stepped into the circle of fire-light, with a troubled

## THE NEW EXPLOITS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

by ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE and JOHN DICKSON CARR

expression on his honest face.

"Heaven forbid, Sir Reginald!" Gillings replied warmly. "I told Sergeant Bassett only what I saw and heard. Colonel Daley called for a bottle of port. He was in the banquet hall. He—he said he wished to drink a toast with you from the Luck of Lavington, to the victory of his horse in the Leopardstown Races next week. Since there was port in the decanter on the buffet, I poured it into the great cup. I remember how the Colonel laughed as he dismissed me."

"He laughed, you say?" said Sherlock Holmes quickly. "When did you actually see Sir Reginald with the Colonel?"

"I did not actually see him, sir. But the colonel said—"

"And laughed when he said it," interposed Holmes. "Perhaps Lady Lavington would tell us whether Colonel Daley was a frequent guest under this roof?"

It seemed to me that some swift emotion glowed for an instant in those wonderful green eyes.

"For some years past, a frequent guest," she said. "But my husband was not even in the house this morning! Has he not told you so already?"

"Excuse me, my lady," doggedly interrupted Sergeant Bassett. "Sir Reginald says he was at the river but he admits he can't prove it."

"Quite so," said Holmes. "Well, Watson, there is nothing more to be done here tonight."

WE found comfortable accommodation at the Three Owls in the village of Lavington. Holmes was moodily and preoccupied. When I attempted to question him, he cut me short with the statement that he had nothing further to add until he had visited Maldstone on the morrow.

I must confess that I could not understand my friend's

attitude. It was evident that Sir Reginald Lavington was a dangerous man, and that our visit appeared to have made him more so. I pointed out to Holmes that his duty lay at Lavington Court rather than in the county town of Maldstone. He replied merely with the incongruous observation that the Lavingtons were a historic family.

I passed a restless morning. The wild weather kept me indoors over a week-old newspaper, and it was not until four o'clock in the afternoon that Holmes burst into our private sitting-room. His cape was dripping and rain-soaked, but his eyes glittered and his cheeks were flushed with some intense inner excitement.

"Good heavens!" I said. "You look as though you have found the answer to our problem."

BEFORE my friend could reply, there came a knock and the door of our sitting-room had swung open. Holmes rose from the chair in which he had just relaxed.

"Ah, Lady Lavington," said he, "we are honoured by your visit."

Though her features were heavily veiled, there was no mistaking that tall, graceful figure now hesitating on our threshold.

"I received your note, Mr Holmes," she replied in a low voice, "and I came at once." Sinking into the chair which I had wheeled forward, she raised her veil and let her head rest back among the cushions. "I came at once," she repeated wearily.

The freight threw her face into strong relief, and as I studied her features, still beautiful despite the almost waxen pallor and restless brilliance of her eyes, I discerned in them the shock of the event that had shattered the peace of her life and the privacy of her home. A sense of compassion prompted me to speak.

"You may have complete confidence in my friend Sherlock Holmes," I said gently. "This is indeed a painful time for you, Lady Lavington, but rest assured that everything will turn out for the best."

She thanked me with a glance. But, when I rose to leave them together, she held up her hand.

"I would much prefer that you stayed, Dr Watson," she begged. "Your presence gives me confidence. Why have you sent for me, Mr Holmes?"

My friend, sitting back, had closed his eyes. "Shall we say that you are here in your husband's interests?" he murmured. "You will not object if I ask you to elucidate a few small points which are still obscure to me?"

Lady Lavington rose to her feet.

"Mr Holmes, this is unworthy," she said coldly. "You are trying to trick me into condemning my own husband! He is innocent, I tell you."

"So I believe. Nevertheless, I pray that you will compose yourself and answer my questions. I understand that this Buck Daley has been an intimate friend of Sir Reginald for some years past."

Lady Lavington stared at him, and then began to laugh. She laughed most heartily, but with a note in her mirth that jarred on me as a medical man.

"Friend?" she cried at last. "Why, he was unworthy to black my husband's boots!"

"I am relieved to hear you say so. And yet it is fair to suppose that both men moved in the same circles during the London seasons, and perhaps unknown to you, might have shared interests in common—possibly of a sporting nature? When did your husband first introduce Colonel Daley to lands?"

"You are pitifully wrong in all your suppositions. I knew Colonel Daley for years before my marriage. It was I who introduced him to my husband. Buck Daley was a creature of society, ambitious, worldly, merciless, and yet with all the charm of his kind. What interest could such a man have in common with a rough but honourable man whose world begins and ends with the boundaries of his own ancestral lands?"

"A woman's love," said Holmes quickly.

Lady Lavington's eyes dilated. Then, dropping the veil over her face, she rushed from the room.

FOR a long time Holmes smoked in silence, his brows drawn down and his gaze fixed thoughtfully upon the fire. I knew from the expression on his face that he had reached some final decision. Then he drew from his pocket a crumpled sheet of paper.

"A while ago, Watson, you asked whether I had found the answer to our problem. In one sense, my dear fellow, I have. Listen closely to the vital evidence I shall read to you. It is from the records in the Maldstone County Registry."

"I am all attention."

"This is a little transcription which I have put into comprehensible English. It was



Sinking into the chair, she raised her veil and let her head rest among the cushions.

originally written in the year 1485, when the House of Lancaster triumphed at last over the House of York.

"And it came to pass that on the field of Bosworth Sir John Lavington did take prisoner two knights and a squire and carried them with him to Lavington Court. For he would take no ransom from any who had raised banner for the House of York."

"That night, after Sir John had supped, each was brought to the table and offered the Choice. One knight, he who was a kinsman of Sir John, drank from the Life and departed without ransom. And one knight and the squire drank from the Death. It was a deed most un-Christian, for they were unconfessed, and thereafter men spoke far and wide of the Luck of Lavington."

FOR a while we sat in silence after the reading of this extraordinary document, while the wind lashed the rain against the windows and boomed in the ancient chimney.

"Holmes," I said at last, "I seem to sense something monstrous here. Yet what connection can there be between the murder of a profligate gambler and the violence that followed on a battle 400 years ago? Only the room has remained the same."

"This, Watson, is the second most important thing that I have discovered."

"And the first?"

"We shall find it at Lavington Court. A black baronet, Watson! Might it not also suggest blackmail?"

"You mean that Sir Reginald was being blackmailed?"

My friend ignored the question. "I have promised to meet Gregson at the house. Would you care to accompany me?"

"What is in your mind? I have seldom seen you so grave."

"It is already growing dark," said Sherlock Holmes. The dagger that killed Colonel Daley must do no further harm."

The Adventure of the Black Baronet concludes tomorrow.

## 'Cooking' The Uranium

Chapter 3 of a report on the Atom by

GORDON DEAN

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

FROM the control room in a reactor plant you have a good view of the loading

face of the pile which is where your uranium is finally transmuted to plutonium. Let us say it is loading day. They pile is shut down; the control rods are in; the "fire" is temporarily quenched.

Let us say that your pound of uranium, sealed with other uranium in an aluminium can, is being loaded into the reactor. Together with thousands of other cans, it goes with the aid of machinery into one of the many small, round holes that lead through the concrete and lead shielding to the reactor core.

Once in the reactor, it rests in tubes around which cooling water is circulated and which are separated by solid cubes of graphite. The graphite is there because it helps to direct the neutrons released in the atomic fire to their ultimate goals in uranium-238.

After your uranium is inserted in the pile, the holes leading through the concrete shell are sealed with lead stoppers, the control rods are gradually withdrawn, and the pile of uranium and graphite bursts into nuclear flame. There your uranium remains for a period of several months, "cooking," undergoing its own strange kind of metamorphosis as minute particles in it change from one basic element into another.

When the uranium is "done"—that is, when as much as is efficiently possible has been changed into plutonium—it is pushed out the other side of the reactor into a canal filled with water to a depth of thirty feet. This water absorbs the deadly rays now emanating from the contents of the aluminium can.

"Hot" Uranium Months of nuclear cooking have made the uranium "hot"—in a nuclear sense. But there is no visible change in the aluminium can, and if you could see it, the uranium itself would not look vastly different. The particles that have changed into plutonium are individual atoms widely dispersed throughout the uranium, and they could not be seen even with the most powerful microscope. But the can is "hot," even so, and although you would not feel this radiation immediately by touching it, the excruciatingly severe burns that would shortly appear on your hand would tell you that you had dared to defy one of the basic forces of the universe.

The can containing the uranium and plutonium is now allowed to "cool" for a month or more in the canal. You can walk down to this cement-lined channel and look over the railing. There, deep below you, amid the subterranean equipment used to transport the cans away from the reactor, you can see one of the most eerie and beautiful sights of the atomic age—the cold blue glow that surrounds each can of uranium and that marks the effect of its intense radioactivity on the water.

From the canal your can of uranium goes to another building and back into the hands of the chemist. Only a fraction of the uranium has been changed into plutonium, and the problem now is that old familiar one of separation—to get the plutonium out. This, of course, is a chemical problem, for uranium and plutonium, being different basic elements with different chemical properties, can be separated by conventional chemical means.

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Several possible approaches were followed. One of the first was a process known as electro-magnetic separation. This consisted of combining the uranium with another substance to form a gas, then charging the gas electrically, then shooting it in a stream of molecules past a giant magnet. The theory was that the lighter molecules would be deflected ever so slightly more than the heavier ones as they passed the magnet, and thus could be collected separately.

Fantastic as it may sound, this process actually worked, and a \$350,000,000 plant was erected at Oak Ridge to carry it out.

However, a newer process, called "gaseous diffusion," is used today. If you know how a sieve works, you know how gaseous diffusion works. For the basic idea is essentially the same. Uranium in gaseous form is simply pumped through a series of "sieves" called barriers and the lighter atoms of U-235 are gradually concentrated and taken off at the end of the line in virtually pure form.

Small Molecules It is not nearly so simple as separating sand from gravel, however, for in the gaseous diffusion process we are dealing with individual molecules of matter so small that they cannot be seen even with the most powerful microscope. It is these molecules that must be sifted through the barriers, and therefore the holes in the barrier material must be just believably small—less than one two-millionth of an inch in diameter.

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## Stop Here For Slotted Angles

By LES ARMOUR

"New developments on display will include slotted angles, skin cleaners, time recorders, wages and salaries machines, writing machines, work bins, dust collecting equipment..." Except from the announcement of the Factory Equipment Exhibition, Westminster.

NO doubt about it, British ingenuity soars to greater heights.

The man who invented a slot for the angle must have been doing some deep thinking indeed. And skin cleaners! We didn't even know skins existed, let alone that they needed to be cleaned.

As to wages and salaries machines! Forsyth! And here the boss has been telling us that salaries have to be earned.

The work bin world is wholly foreign to us. Probably some dodge for busting strikes.

Doubtless there is a good market for dust in

some obscure corner of the world. But only the British could have invented machines for collecting it.

But what really worried us was the writing machine. We always suspected that the day would come when we would be replaced. Quite simple, no doubt. You feed 500 clichés in one end, press a button, and you get Armour on the strike situation at the other.

Faced with this sobering thought, we decided to investigate.

Dreams Fade

We started with the skin cleaners. The dreams began to fade.

A suave voice at the other end of the telephone gave a polite laugh. "Mis-

print, old man. Should have read SKIN cleaners."

"You ought to look into our Filmoline Barrier Cream, though. A superior degreasant and industrial detergent will also be..."

We hung up.

Wages and salaries machines existed all right. But they only record what you earn. (And deduct your income tax faster than any machine yet invented. Just what you need. Like a hole in the head, we need them.)

And dust collecting machines? A glorified vacuum cleaner, this. (Very efficient. Improves the health of your employees.)

The work bin world is likewise a dull place. Miles and miles of shiny collapse-

ible bins, sitting there eagerly waiting to swallow the produce of the working classes.

No fear about writing machines either. They are ingenious gimmicks for filling in municipal rating books. (Shortening the time between the bill and balliff, to be exact.)

A Mystery

But the slotted angle. Ah, there is a mystery. "I have not received information from any of the exhibitors relating to Slotted Angles," reports the exhibition's publicity man, a trifle curtly.

So there you are. From a mighty dream, only a solitary slotted angle remains.

You can have the industrial revolution.





"You ought to take something for that cough, Mr. Breslin."

## • BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

SCIENTISTS are puzzled by the reports from Malaya of an enormous six-legged bird of ray plumage. It has the trunk of an elephant, and a scaly tail, and it breathes out steam.

Let us call it the *duputer*, as everybody knows what a *duputer* is and therefore cannot contradict.

The Fang-Touled Ape-Men of Tolak are probably related to the Java trolls, little dwarfs who run in and out under eaves without bumping their heads. Which is as it should be. One of these dwarfs was captured by the Sakran expedition in 1934 and brought to Vienna. The little fellow stayed until they brought him a head of cattle. After that he ran to and fro under their bellies as happy as Larry.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today you are a person of self-effacing manner, one who wins your way by good nature and influence. Although you do have a firm and determined will, once you get "set", it is not quite a time to make up your mind. You must wait until the stars have given you many talents but you are inclined to underestimate your own capabilities. Take yourself a lot more seriously. If you want to make a speedy climb up the ladder of success, it may be that you will have to wait a while before your true abilities are properly recognized by the world.

You have the gift of the written as well as the spoken word. There is a definite psychic tendency in you.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your aspects are excellent for travel, if you happen to be planning a trip, either long or short.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you stored up some extra energy yesterday, today you should be able to make excellent use of it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Put your plans into operation without any further delay. This is an auspicious time for positive action.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't be too upset if some well-planned idea seems to be slipping away from you. Tomorrow may put it right again for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be sure to investigate all details of a new programme of activity very carefully before you begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—If a mistake made today teaches you to be more careful in the future, it is well worthwhile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Be constructive in all your activities and you will make a very definite progress just now.

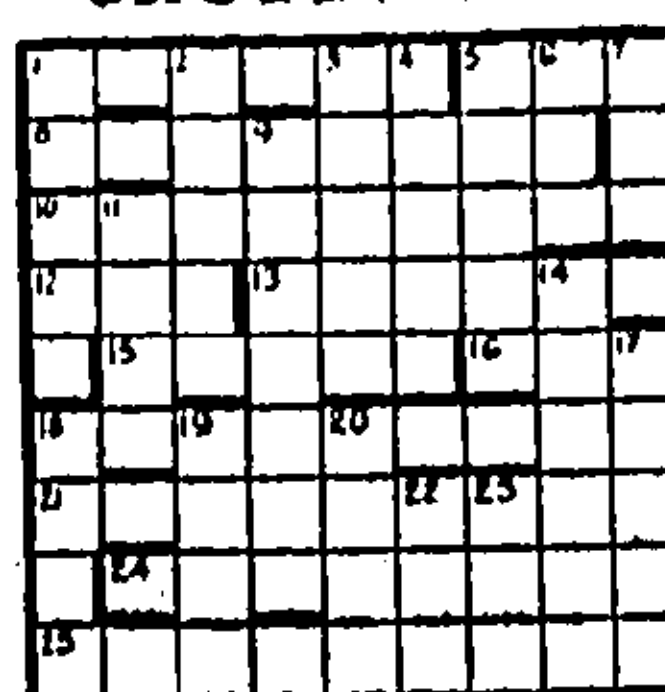
LINX (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Foster rather than force, is much better for you. Make friends rather than enemies by being polite.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Your mental and cultural activities are important today. After working hard, relax this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Logical reasoning is the answer to all your problems today. Base all your judgment on sound facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The cultivation of congenial companions can bring added happiness to you, especially at this time.

### CROSSWORD



Across

1. Is in the middle of a rest. (6)

8. It keeps him straight, the poor fellow. (5)

9. Hero. (5)

10. Green team must have changed. (5)

12. It slippers, this might floor. (5)

13. Old heroines were often thus checked. (5)

14. Heroine named as an obstinate donkey. (5)

15. Daffodil time here is famous. (5)

16. Officer commanding I see with an eye in front. (5)

21. Show it the game mixed up. (5)

22. Here's a royal soldier. (5)

23. One in something solid. (5)

Down

1. A first-night author likes to hear these. (5)

2. Express backwards with the tail off. (5)

3. Rejoice with me. (5)

4. Daffin my clue provides in hidden fashion. (5)

5. He may be innocent, but he's not the whole circus. (5)

6. Lincoln's got one. (5)

7. Beasts like inn signs from doctored. (5)

11. Associated with no butter in cooking. (5)

14. Associated with no butter in cooking. (5)

17. Odd (5)

18. He was jealous of David. (5)

19. A man who says "yes" (5)

20. A piece of brass. (5)

23. Willow bird in the cops. (5)

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

### 'Wrong-Card' Trick Befuddles Player

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"YOU may find this just a routine hand," writes my friend Steve White, "but you'd have enjoyed it if you'd been there at the table. I got a real Hollywood double-take from one of the players, which isn't so strange since the hand was actually played in Hollywood."

"East had been criticizing me all evening for my speedy play. He said reason was sure to triumph over my fast guesswork, and that I surely pulled the wrong card several times per session. I didn't contradict him especially, but I was hoping for something good to happen, and something did."

"When the accompanying hand came along, West opened the deuce of clubs, and East won with the king. He shifted to the queen of diamonds, and I drew three rounds of trumps, cashed the king of diamonds, and pitched out a third diamond to put East in the lead."

"This all went very fast. In my usual tempo, but East took his time about making a return lead, so I got ready for

NORTH 10	
♠ 43	
♥ 4	
♦ 1086	
♣ 1054	
WEST EAST (D)	
♠ 1076	♠ KJ3
♥ 32	♥ 1095
♦ 43	♦ QJ9
♣ 632	♣ AK87
SOUTH	
♠ A82	
♥ AKQJ7	
♦ AK2	
♣ J	
North-South vul.	
East South West North	
1♠ 2♣ Pass 2NT	
Pass 4♥ Pass Pass	
Opening lead—4♠	

him. When he led the ace of clubs in an attempt to get out of the end play, I pulled a spade with a cut of my hand through the trump and managed to fumble the spade onto the table as though it was a mistake.

"East laughed until I thought his sides would split. He had waited all evening for it, but I had finally pulled the wrong card. I had done it so quietly, waiting for him to lead, and it finally struck him."

"He had to try to get out with a spade, of course, but I let the trick ride to dummy's queen, making my name contract. He didn't say any more about pulling the wrong card."

Very neat, in my opinion. If Steve had trumped the ace of clubs, he'd have had to lead the spade himself and would have lost two spade tricks. The "wrong" card gave him the best chance to make his contract.

Incidentally, East wouldn't have tried to teach Steve any lessons if he had known him better. Before he had become an editor, Steve White was one of America's leading bridge players.

### • CARD SENSE •

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-9-3-2, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds A-J-5-4, Club 8. What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. You have 11 points in high cards and excellent distribution opposite an opening bid, which should be ample for game. Your bid is forcing, to game and shows that your spade suit is very strong.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

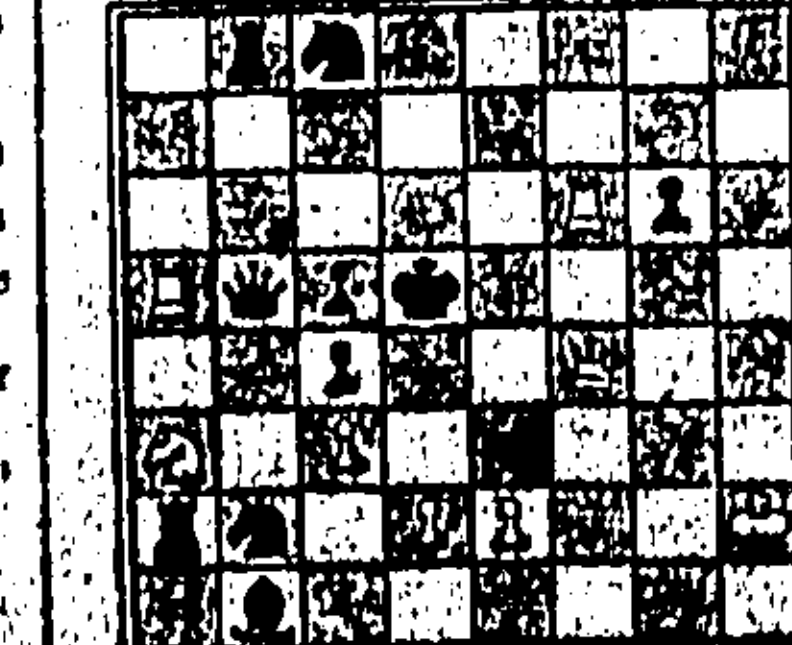
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-10-8-3-2, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds K-Q-6, Club 8. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### CHESS PROBLEM

By E. A. WIRTANEN

Black, 10 pieces.



(White) 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. Nxd4 Bc5 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bxc5 dxc5 8. Qh5 g6 9. Qxg6 hxg6 10. Nf3 Nf6 11. Bg5 Nd7 12. Bxd7 Kxd7 13. e5 c6 14. d6 c5 15. dxc5 Bxc5 16. Nf3 Nf6 17. Bg5 Nd7 18. Bxd7 Kxd7 19. e5 c6 20. d6 c5 21. dxc5 Bxc5 22. Nf3 Nf6 23. Bg5 Nd7 24. Bxd7 Kxd7 25. e5 c6 26. d6 c5 27. dxc5 Bxc5 28. Nf3 Nf6 29. Bg5 Nd7 30. Bxd7 Kxd7 31. e5 c6 32. d6 c5 33. dxc5 Bxc5 34. Nf3 Nf6 35. Bg5 Nd7 36. Bxd7 Kxd7 37. e5 c6 38. d6 c5 39. dxc5 Bxc5 40. Nf3 Nf6 41. Bg5 Nd7 42. Bxd7 Kxd7 43. e5 c6 44. d6 c5 45. dxc5 Bxc5 46. Nf3 Nf6 47. Bg5 Nd7 48. Bxd7 Kxd7 49. e5 c6 50. d6 c5 51. dxc5 Bxc5 52. Nf3 Nf6 53. Bg5 Nd7 54. Bxd7 Kxd7 55. e5 c6 56. d6 c5 57. dxc5 Bxc5 58. Nf3 Nf6 59. Bg5 Nd7 60. Bxd7 Kxd7 61. e5 c6 62. d6 c5 63. dxc5 Bxc5 64. Nf3 Nf6 65. Bg5 Nd7 66. Bxd7 Kxd7 67. e5 c6 68. d6 c5 69. dxc5 Bxc5 70. Nf3 Nf6 71. Bg5 Nd7 72. Bxd7 Kxd7 73. e5 c6 74. d6 c5 75. dxc5 Bxc5 76. Nf3 Nf6 77. Bg5 Nd7 78. Bxd7 Kxd7 79. e5 c6 80. d6 c5 81. dxc5 Bxc5 82. Nf3 Nf6 83. 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# HALF TIME POSITIONAL CHANGES GAVE RAF 3-1 VICTORY OVER EASTERN

By LM. MacTAVISH

At the interval in the game between RAF and Eastern yesterday the score sheet showed that neither side had managed to snatch a goal, and that was a very accurate reflection of some really indifferent and careless forward play by the two teams. The game up to that point had been a tedious series of disjointed incidents that were as uninteresting as they were unexciting.

During the interval the RAF made a clever change in their line-up and it changed the whole tempo of the play. They switched Lander to his normal position at centre-forward and drew Elston back first to inside-right and then to right-half. The change worked wonders for Elston was much happier away from the leader's berth, while Lander brought the first real spark of life to the game when he started his high-powered dashes down the middle... and for the first time he had the Eastern defenders showing traces of concern.

The first half will be remembered for the squandering of both sets of forwards for the distressing ineptitude of the Chinese forwards and finally for some completely goalkeeping by MacLaren who was not only the only goalkeeper in the club but also the only one in the league.

The team changes which took place during the interval had an almost magical effect. The Army were once again on top and they remained there until the final whistle.

Lander moved in to the position of centre-forward and he was not only a much better forward than the one who had been in the position before but he was also a much better forward than the one who had been in the position before.

WELL BEATEN Eastern used the few remaining minutes to try and put a better face on the score but their efforts lacked both determination and skill and at the end they were a well beaten team.

For the winners, MacLaren had another good game in goal but he had a stroke of luck in the first half when he missed a fast cross shot which went through his hands, struck his leg, and ended away from the goal without an Eastern touch.

## India Defeats All-Malaya In Hockey Match

Singapore, Feb. 20.

The visiting Indian Hockey Federation team won the first of two "international" matches here with a rousing 14-2 victory over All-Malaya at Kuala Lumpur to-day.

This was the visitors' sixth successive victory of their tour, and they made the most of the fast ground to completely rout the Malayan team.

The Indian skipper, Balbir Singh, was again in his best scoring form to net five goals, while R. S. Gentile got three off short corners. Sushanthan scored four times and Malhotra and Bhola once each.

The tourists led 5-2 at the interval, after an almost even first half. But the resumption saw the pace tell on the Malayan team who fell to pieces in the last quarter.—Reuter.

## FAST TIMES BY KONNO AND CLEVELAND

Long Beach, Feb. 20.

Dick Cleveland and Earl Konno, Hawaiian swimmer, cracked four pool and dual meet records today in leading the Buckeyes to a 55-33 victory over Michigan State.

Cleveland swam the 50-yard free style in 0:22.1 and the 100-yard free style in 0:49.3. Konno posted a 2:00.5 in the 220-yard free style and recorded a 4:30.8 in the 440-yard free style.—United Press.

## 35 LB. WEIGHT RECORD

New York, Feb. 20.

Bob Backus of the New York City Athletic Club, beat the world indoor record for the 35-lb. weight throw here today with a distance of 68 ft. 5 in.

The latest world record is 60 ft. 11 in. set up by Tom Bane three years ago. Backus is competing in the American Amateur Athletic Union indoor championships at Madison Square Garden.—Reuter.

## Conferences On Melbourne Olympic Games

Melbourne, Feb. 22.

The Technical Director of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, Mr. E. J. Holt, will leave Australia in April to attend two conferences with the executive of the International Olympic Committee and other international sporting officials.

Mr. Holt will discuss technical arrangements for the various sports to be held in 1956.

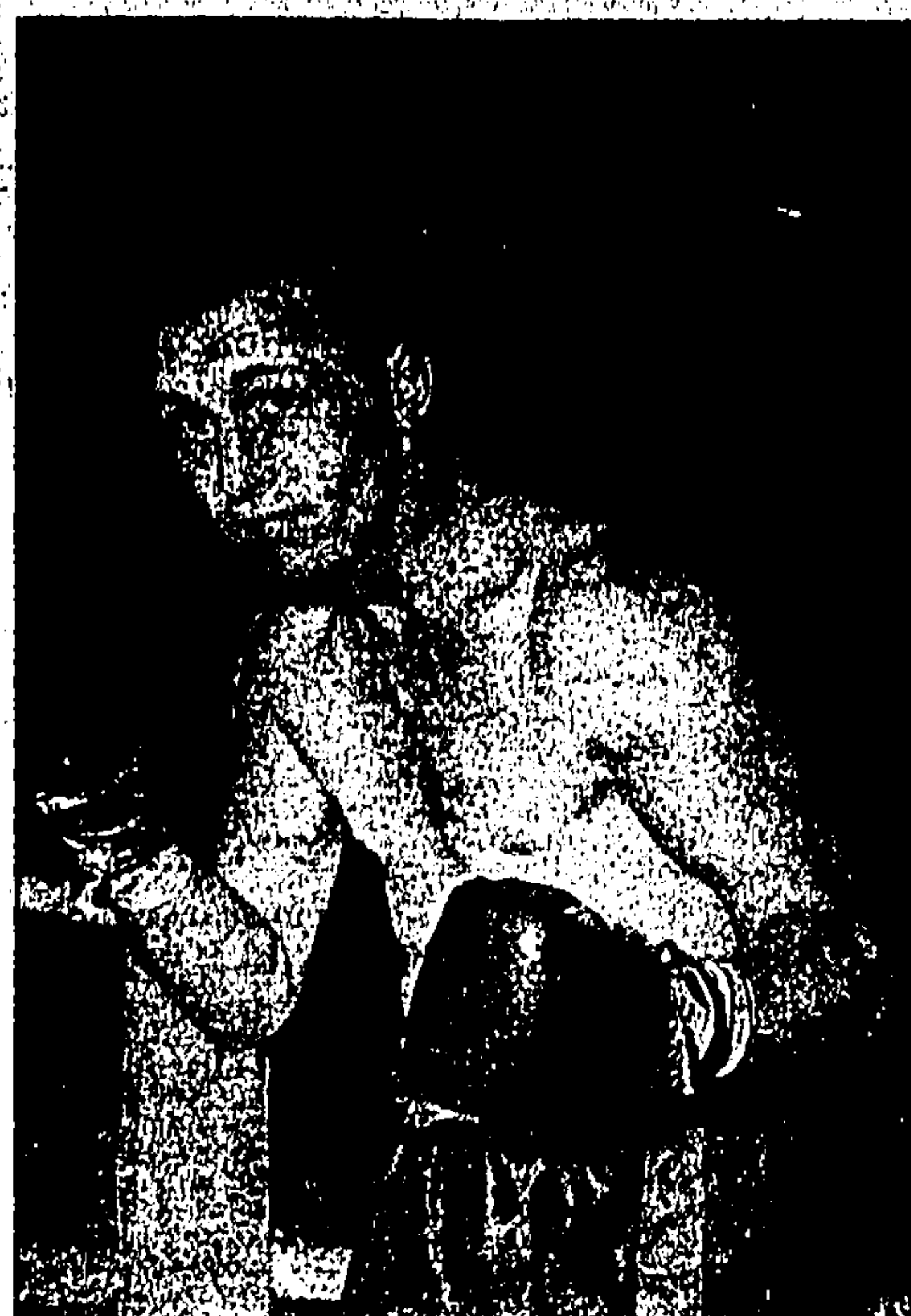
Mr. Holt, who is being sent by the Olympic Organising Committee, will first attend a meeting in Lausanne between representatives of the International Sporting Unions and the IOC Executive.

He will then represent the Australian Olympic Federation at a conference in Athens between the National Olympic Committees and IOC Executive.

This meeting will be followed by the annual conference of the International Olympic Committee at which the IOC representative in Australia, Mr. Lewis Luxton, and Mr. Holt will be present.

Mr. Holt will also be in Melbourne preparing for the Games.—Reuter.

## TO FIGHT CHAMPION



George Happe, 22, from Bethnal Green, who has made his mark in the fistie world with victories over Hector Constance and Peter Fallon, will meet the British Champion, Wally Thom, at Albert Hall on Tuesday.—(Central Press).

## LEAGUE CRICKET

# ARMY WIN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army annexed the Senior Division Cricket League title and completed the double on Saturday, when they held the Optimists to a draw and the Scorpions and Recrelo dropped out of the race by losing to Craigengower and drawing with Navy respectively.

It was not the finish to a brilliant season that the soldiers would have chosen themselves, but despite the fact that the result of their match with the Optimists was a draw, some very good cricket was produced both by them and their opponents. It was a pity that the light could not have been better on that day.

Once again Army's bowlers came to the fore with Alexander and Weir taking the main honours. Alexander brought up his bag for the season to 29 wickets with an analysis of four wickets for 53 runs while Weir took 10 wickets for 100 runs. The team who came into the Army team only late in the season proved a worthy successor to Dowling who gave another fine performance that gave him five wickets at a cost of 57 runs.

In six matches Weir has now taken 22 wickets and given away only 211 runs which gives him an average of below 10.

Although set to score 140 runs to win, Army's batting capabilities were stretched to the full. Things looked bright for them when they had 102 runs up on the board for the loss of six wickets, but in their attempt to force the issue they lost three quick wickets with the addition of only 16 runs and left the Optimists with the better part of the drawn game.

Against Craigengower the Scorpions fielded one of their weakest teams this season and their defeat was not surprising. With the season almost at a close, a good start but after Weir's 21, the rest of the batsmen just could not get into double figures against some steady bowling by George Souza who played a different role this time by taking six wickets for 37 runs instead of scoring the runs.

## 220 RECORD BY HENRICKS

Melbourne, Feb. 20.

Jon Henricks of Sydney won the Australian 220-yard freestyle swimming championship at the Melbourne Olympic pool tonight in 2 mins 9.8 sec.

Henricks was nine-tenths of a second over his own Australian record but he set a new Victorian mark.

Gary Chapman, middle-distance New South Wales champion, placed second with Singapore's Neo Chwee Kok third in 2:12.

Sydney's Lorraine Crapp ripped 7.4 secs off the British Empire games record in winning the 440-yard free style in 5 mins 19 secs. The previous record was set by Joan Harrison of South Africa at Auckland in 1950.—United Press.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
First Division					
Army	15	12	1	0	24
Optimists	10	9	4	0	30
Scorpions	15	7	4	1	34
Recrelo	14	6	3	1	20
CCC	18	6	5	0	25
Navy	16	5	4	0	24
RAF	10	3	6	0	18
IRC	15	2	8	0	17
KCC	15	3	4	0	10
HKU	12	1	4	0	7
Second Division					
Army	13	13	0	0	72
RAF	14	9	1	0	47
Police	12	9	0	0	38
Dockyard	13	8	2	0	34
Navy	14	8	1	0	33
DBS	15	4	0	0	20
Recrelo	11	4	0	0	10
IRC	11	3	0	0	12
KCC	11	1	0	0	6
KGV	14	1	0	0	12
HKU	6	0	1	0	7

# RAF Massacre The Club In Pentangular Tournament Match

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday I ventured to prophesy that in the Pentangular that afternoon the RAF would overcome the Club, but I did not for a second imagine that it would be such a complete massacre, when later on in the afternoon a grand RAF XV slaughtered a demoralised Club side by 18 points (3 goals) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Earlier on in the day the Police had conceded a walkover to the Navy when due to previous injuries they found themselves unable to field a complete team. This was the correct manoeuvre as they would probably have been beaten in any case, and would never have stood up to the Navy if they had played short handed. So the Navy got its two points in the Pentangular table, and is still running neck and neck with the Army.

The only game at Kral Tak was well worth seeing, because it showed the spectators a fine RAF team who had little trouble overcoming both the conditions and the Club.

The Club have never fielded such a terrible team as this. For the first few seconds they looked good and then a very quickly failed off. Roberts at full back was the only one to do much to save the Club's name from complete disgrace.

In the three fives played quite well when he got the ball but that was exceedingly seldom. The rest of the three might have been beginners for all the use they were.

Craig at half, after trying for some time to get his three moving, eventually gave up a bad job and tried to go through on his own, but no one backed him up so his attempts came to nothing.

In the forwards, as usual, Douglas stood out but he was a lone figure. The set scrums were evenly divided, which was surprising to say the least as the Club had a great advantage of weight but never used it. Their following-up was non-existent, and their tackling—well it just could not be called that.

## NOTHING BUT PRAISE

The RAF team on the other hand deserves nothing but praise. Every man played well with Dark at centre three outstanding. Eden at full back took his job very coolly and never looked flustered. Davidson's return to the pack seemed to settle them down and Brightwell must be mentioned for his fine foot rushes.

The RAF kicked off with a very cold fresh cross wind blowing, and before the Club had realised that the game had started the alrmen had scored. Near the half way line there was a lineout and the RAF won. The ball went to Dark who broke through half the Club team, who of course could not notice themselves in time to do anything, and passed to Davidson who scored under the posts and then converted. 5-0.

Then the Club showed just what they could do—NOTHING. Shortly after this Davidson was given two penalty attempts but the wind beat him each time.

The play now remained centred on the Club 25 line and only some good touch kicking by Roberts and Craig kept the RAF from breaking through.

Parker nearly added to the score when he gathered a kick by Roberts for touch, ran well, then kicked ahead across but unluckily someone was offside and the ball was cleared upfield.

There the Club were awarded a penalty but Craig's kick was short and Dark sent play back upfield with a nice kick which went to Milton and then Davidson, who took at his feet. One of the Club obstructed him by hanging on to his leg, and so a penalty was given, but Davidson missed.

Then in the middle of the field there was a lineout, followed by a scrum which the RAF won and the ball went out to Dark. Dark drew two men, then passed to Gammon, who took it the rest of the way and dived over. Davidson converted. 10-0.

The RAF scored again just before half time when they won a scrum. The ball going to Dark, he evaded two men and then when he seemed in the clear passed to Davidson who was following up well, Davidson ran, then passed back to Dark, but it was short. However Dark took it on, with his feet and dived on it as the ball crossed the line. Davidson converted. 15-0.

## BRIGHTER FOR CLUB

The second half was a little brighter for the Club as they scored, but only through an RAF error. Craig had tried once again to take the ball through on his own but was as usual well grounded, but in the ensuing loose man an alrman was offside. Craig took the long kick of about 40 yards and it went straight and true between the posts. 15-3.

The Club pressed for a minute after this but were soon back on the defensive. Then there was a scrum on the half way line and the RAF won and the ball went out to Parker who covered ten yards, then passed to Dark, who rounded two intending tacklers and then outran Roberts, the Club full back, to score in the corner.

This was indeed one of those copy book tries, and it is a pity that Dark is only here temporarily for he would have made a most excellent addition to the RAF team in the future. Davidson missed the long kick, leaving the score at 18-3.

The Club nearly added to their score when at last the ball went to Ingles, who went down the line like a bullet but was stopped with a full blooded tackle by Eden, the RAF full back.

The ball went loose over the line, but the Club forwards had not followed up fast enough and the RAF were able to touch down in plenty of time. Some good kicking then took the Club well into the RAF's half and again the ball went loose over the RAF line. This time it looked a little more hopeful for the Club as "Muscles" Russell was following up, but once again the RAF managed to touch down.

The RAF returned to the attack and got to the Club five-yard line where they won the scrum and attempted to go blind but were forced out into touch and the Club won the lineout and managed to clear.

Then the Club three got away and Watson passed beautifully to McKenzie of the RAF and the RAF were just getting into their stride when the final whistle went.

The Club have only themselves to blame for this reverse, and there will have to be quite a change of heart.

## MALAYAN AAA EXTENDS INVITATIONS

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 22.

Malaya's Amateur Athletic Association has decided to invite Ceylon, Indonesia and Thailand to take part in its Annual Championships at Kuala Lumpur on August 13 and 14.

The decision was announced at a meeting here yesterday when it was also agreed to send a Malayan team to the Asian Games to be held in Manila from May 1 to May 9.

The Association stated that the Philippines was not included in the invitation to the Malayan championships as it was considered too far away. The Association's Executive Committee also considered Hongkong, but ruled it out because it had not extended a similar invitation previously to Malaya.

Closing date for entries for the Championships will be July 26.—Reuter.

## Larry Montes Wins Far East Open Tourney

Manila, Feb. 22.

Philippines' undisputed golf ace Larry Montes yesterday chalked a two under par 70 to annex the fourth Far East Open Golf Championship and top money of \$2,000.

The victory gave the 43-year-old 10-time winner of the Philippine Golf Open his third consecutive Far East Open Title—a record never before achieved by any local golfer.

For the tournament, Montes carded a score of 280, Cuyugan, second place and \$1,500 runner-up prize money was Celestino Tugot. Romping off with third place and money of \$1,000 was Pedro Garcia.—France-Press.

## New Umpires For Third Test At Georgetown

Georgetown, British Guiana, Feb. 21.

Two new umpires were today named by the West Indies Board of Cricket Control for the third Test between England and the West Indies, which begins here on Wednesday next.

The decision followed a protest by England's Captain Len Hutton, and Manager Charles Palmer against the nomination of umpires Kippins and Rollox, who officiated in the British Guiana-MCC match which ended in an MCC win yesterday. The new umpires appointed are Badge Moncrieff, groundsman at Georgetown Cricket Ground, and E.S. "Wing" Gillette, both from British Guiana.

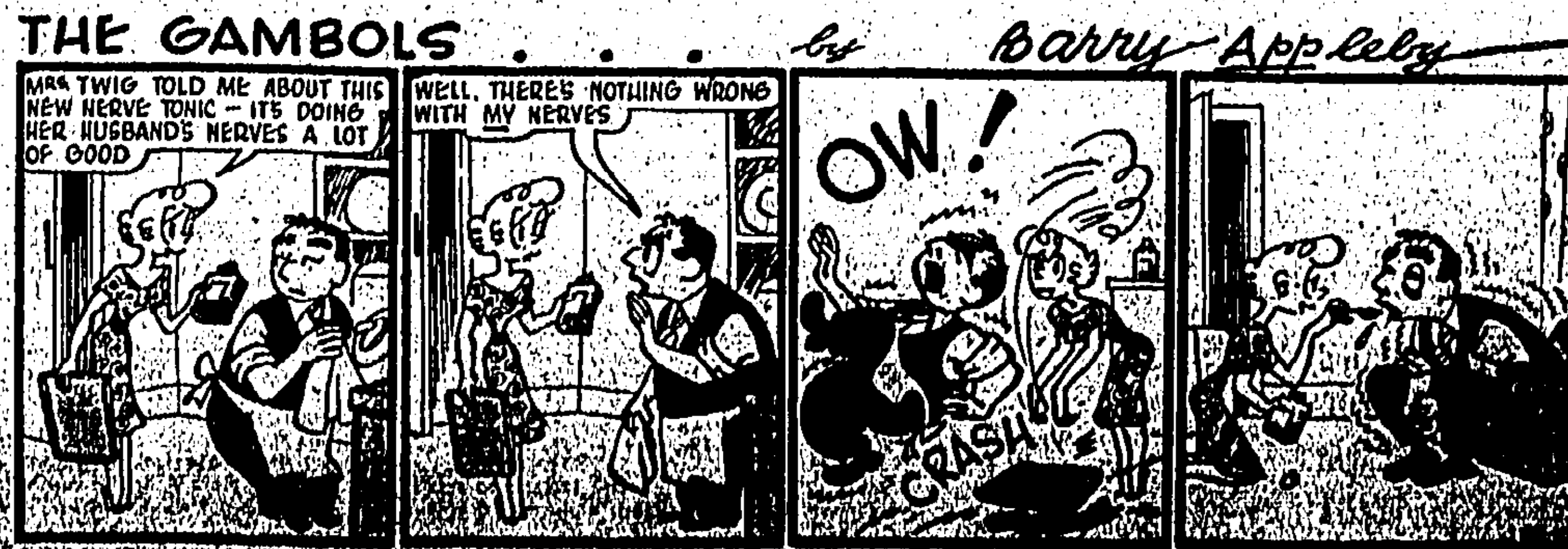
Gillette was umpire in the third Test on the last England tour of the West Indies in 1948.—Reuter.

## Paraguay Again Beats Chile

Santiago, Feb. 21.

Paraguay beat Chile by three goals to one in their World Soccer Cup match here today, each side scoring once in the second half.

This was the second meeting of the two countries in qualifying group 12. Paraguay having won the earlier match 4-0. Brazil, also in the group, have yet to start their programme.—Reuter.



## POINT 23

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE BEST

That's why there's nothing like the best.



# WARRIORS WASTED THEIR CHANCES IN GOING DOWN 4-3 TO CAA

Says "SNOOPER"

The Warriors wasted their chances yesterday. Potentially, one of the finest hitting teams in the Senior "A" League, the Warriors displayed the explosive qualities but they did not have the leadership and their supporters were disappointed when they throw away their game against Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association by 4-3 at King's Park.

It could have been a Warriors' victory. It could have been but for the three costly fumbles by pitcher Joey Franco whose main problem sprang from his slowness in picking up a bunt. Alfredo Oliveira, a regular Warriors' centre fielder, was misplaced at first and he was charged with two errors while the sixth error was committed by shortstop Johnny Pereira.

The obsession of the Warriors' runners to steal bases whenever they got a chance must have been frustrating to their fans. In the second inning when the bases were loaded and no man down the Warriors were furnished with the best chance of scoring but the Chinese Athletic Association saved the situation through their opposition's poor judgment.

With Joey Franco on third and Gerry Remedios at second, Peter Hahn's effort to hit a sacrifice fly was wasted and he was tagged out at first. Franco in turn, failed to cross the home plate and Gerry Remedios, in sheer desperation to steal home, was tagged out by an alert P. C. Wong to wipe out the Warriors' threat in this contest.

The hearts of the Warriors' players must have been gladdened by the signs of a comeback in the third frame after the Chinese ballplayers had established a slim 3-1 lead. Google Marques got a hit and had the enthusiasm to come

home due principally to faulty CAA infield play.

Then Johnny Pereira, who was on third, came into the picture. He went straight for the home plate when catcher Lam Leung-ping fumbled a throw-in, and although it was a delightful try, the Warriors paid expensively for Pereira's effort. He was tagged out for trying to steal home as Cuscutt Souza, one of the most successful batters in the Senior "A" circuit, and there was a strong possibility that catcher Souza could bring Pereira home. I regard this opportunist effort made in a vital stage of the game unnecessary and it proved too costly to the Warriors who were playing surprisingly well against one of the best Chinese teams in the League.

## CHIEF DIFFERENCE

The chief difference between the Warriors and the Chinese Athletic Association was that the CAA ballplayers had too much at stake in the game to stay in the pennant race while the Warriors could claim honours should they turn back the Chinese players.

Mak Kwong's softballers, who were unsettled yesterday, did not deserve to win. Only two players made an impression among the fans. They were pitcher P. C. Wong, who refused to be rattled by the Warriors' heavy hitters, and first baseman C. M. Tsang who established a lead over Braves' Calu Yanovich and Bull Dhabber with two excellent hits to left field. Previously, Tsang and Yanovich had been tied for first position in the Batting Championship race, with Dhabber trailing.

Although the CAA nine had enthusiasm, they lacked polish and their reliable infielders were charged with four errors. The Chinese rarely looked as dangerous as the Warriors who should have won.

The CAA's next game against the Braves will be recognised as the deciding one, and unless the Chinese ballplayers display a much-improved form than was demonstrated yesterday, they will find it a most difficult task coping the Senior "A" Pennant this season. They will have to face the Saints in the closing stages of the League.

One of the interesting features of the CAA-Warriors tussle was the two-hit performance of centre-fielder Gerry Remedios who shared premier honours with Jimmy Cheng in the batting display yesterday. Both Tsang and Seldon Ma were also prominent with two hits apiece.

## WAAHOS' MISFORTUNE

Bimbi Ablong's six-thus champion's main hopes to retain the Senior Ladies' Pennant centre on pitcher Terry Noronha. That was made obvious yesterday when the Wahos met Ed Marques' red-shirted Colleens in the feature play-off series game.

With Terry Noronha sustaining a serious hand injury after the Wahos had gained a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning, they were made to look strictly junior division standard by their rivals who took advantage of this Wahos' misfortune to win by 14-11.

Minus Terry Noronha's fiery deliveries, the Colleens tallied four runs to tie the game at 5-5 in the fourth. Her tosses continued to fizz like a damp squib—no bang. Any prospect of saving the game got less and less as innings went by and at the finish the Colleens were jubilant that they managed to beat the Owls for the first time after two ignominious defeats.

The reversal was a severe setback to the Owls' hopes of retaining their Pennant for the seventh time. Yet, without any reliable pitchers, coach Bimbi Ablong could not have Terry Noronha replaced in the fourth and the Wahos' most valuable player gallantly laboured under great handicap to lose her first game to the Colleens.

The Colleens were in top gear from the fourth canto and pitcher Bunny Remedios and Pamela Hall, on first, played a big part in their initial triumph. "Bunny" hit with astonishing casualness to top the day's batting with a four-hit performance. But the state of the morning game was undoubtedly Pam Hall, who registered a home run in the vital seventh when the Wahos were 11-10 ahead.

Pamela poled out a glorious fly to centre field, the ball soaring high into the outfield and beyond Chuchl Campos' reach to drive home three Colleens' runners and she herself came home with plenty to spare. Pamela's winning hit robbed the Wahos of a victory which they richly deserved.

Among the players who caught the eye were left-fielder Alex Mendoca of the Owls who gave one of her finest fielding performances, pitcher Terry Noronha, Bunny Remedios and Pamela Hall. The Wahos had six hits at the close of the third frame while the Colleens were only able to hit pitcher Terry Noronha twice. No fewer than 12 hits were registered by the Colleens from the fourth onward.

## GLOOMY PROSPECTS

The Rexes' prospects of remaining in the Senior "A" League next season are gloomy indeed. The good crowd of spectators yesterday firmly believe they saw a team of soft-ballers who will be relegated to the Senior "B" at the end of this season. And who can blame them?

So poverty-stricken was the display which the Rexes provided against Jackie Weis' Arandas that they were hopelessly trounced by 11-1 at the close of play.

With the fielders so panicky in the first inning it was little wonder that the Pandas jumped ahead to 6-1. The Rexes were no match for the Pandas but their readiness to turn up in full strength yesterday was commendable.

The Rexes did not play like the champions they were in the Senior "B" Loop last season, and with the exception of A. G. Ismail who had two hits in two and A. Ditta who got a hit, the remaining players had little to show.

The highlight of the game was the home run of third baseman Wally Ma registered in the initial inning. Ma also was prominent at bat with two hits but the outstanding Pandas' batter was shortstop Y. S. Liang who was credited with full marks with a three-in-three performance.

Both Willie Woo and Allen Cheng enhanced their prospects in the Senior Batting Championship race with a hit apiece.

In the third Senior "A" game of the day, Chev Tso's South China outclassed the USS Astabula by 13-4 despite the fact that the gobs outlit the Carolinians by 10-4. It was the USS Astabula's debut at King's Park.

## AMERICANS IMPROVE

With a sprinkling of old-timers in the team, Bob Suzman's Americans walloped Fred Dista's P1 Dodgers by 11-3 in the first round Senior "B" clash and should the Yanks repeat this winning performance in the second round meeting, they are assured of a play-off tie with Jimmy Herlick's Pandas.

The Americans, after a seven-run scoring spree in the initial frame, were never in much danger of defeat. Dodgers' pitcher Tony Rev, who was relieved in the fifth inning, had an off-day. Winning pitcher was Daniel Remedios who yielded only three hits.

Jack Carvalho's Wildfires trampled over the University by 9-2 in the other Senior "B" encounter. The Wildfires took a 4-1 lead at the close of the second frame and were never headed.

In the Junior Ladies' Play-off series, South China upset the Wahos "B" by 5-1 in a fast-paced game. Losing pitcher Valerie Fernandez, who deputised for regular pitcher Evelyn Alonso, performed creditably after a most shaky start to allow the Caroline lassies to score four runs in the first inning.

Two of the three Junior Division games were keenly contested. The Pandas nosed out the Maumans by 3-2 after an extra inning. By virtue of this excellent win, the Pandas are still within striking distance of the Chinese Athletic Association first team who overwhelmed the 25 Gunners by 25-0. The CAA are currently one game ahead.

The other exciting game was seen between the Rookies and the Chinese Athletic Association second team, who surprisingly extended their unbeaten opponents by 10-9 in a thrilling finish. It was a much-improved CAA squad of ballplayers who showed the Rookies a real lesson.

## YOUTH INTERNATIONAL



England's centre-forward, Albert Minton, in an aerial duel with Scotland's goalkeeper McCready in the Youth International match at Ayrshire Park, Middlesbrough.

## Howarth And Purvis Save The Bowling Green Club

In the second match of the triangular cricket tournament between Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club and Kowloon Bowling Green Club by Frank Howarth, beat the KDRC by one wicket.

Howarth went in when nine wickets had fallen for 25 runs and 43 runs were still required to win. He found an admirable partner in Purvis and between them they proceeded to win the game in exciting fashion. Howarth scored 31 not out (one six and four boundaries) and Purvis 14 (three 4's).

Kowloon Docks batted first and were dismissed for 74, of which Bob Lepaley scored 36. At one time the Docks had lost six wickets for 19 runs. Joe Eastman was the star bowler, taking five wickets for six runs in 4.3 overs, two of which were maidens. Eric Liddell gave him good support with three wickets for 10 runs.

When the Bowling Green's fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wickets fell at the same total of 25 it seemed the Docks were destined to win easily, but the Howarth-Purvis partnership changed the game completely. For the Docks, Vic White was the most effective bowler, taking 7 for 13.

## COLONY SHOT PUT RECORD WILL SOON FALL

By "RECORDER"

The Colony Shot Put record will soon fall. This was promised over the week-end flat by 2/Lt Herron of 32 Med. Regt. RA, who put 40 feet 11 inches at the RA/RE 40 Infantry Division meeting at Boundary Street and then by South China's Chan Wai-chuen, who on Sunday, also at Boundary Street, beat Herron with a toss of 40 feet 8 inches.

The record stands at 40 feet 9 inches, made by Lt. J. F. Greer at Caroline Hill in the qualifying round of the Colony Championships in 1951. Herron has actually beaten it, but his effort is unlikely to be accepted as there was no official measurement made by the HKAAA.

Chan Wai-chuen started yesterday with a put of nearly 42 feet in a warm-up session, but did not come near enough to this in the actual competition.

The HKAAA, despite many absences, put up a strong team against the Dorset Regiment in the team match on Sunday. The Dorsets managed to win the Polo Vault, Two Miles Relay, 380 Yards High Hurdles Relay and the Javelin Throw.

In a season rich in javelin throwers in the 14-150 feet class, there was no lack of them in yesterday's match. Moore of the Dorsets won with 153 feet 4 inches, Chan Wai-chuen was second with 150. 3. Lau Kam-yiu — easily the smallest thrower in town —

third with an excellent 145.0 and Brookings of the Dorsets fourth with 144.9.

## All-Foreign Final For U.S. Indoor Tennis Title

New York, Feb. 21. Sven Davidson, Sweden, defeated Bill Talbert, American Davis Cup Captain, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-2 to enter the final of the United States Indoor Lawn Tennis Championship here today.

Kurt Nielsen, Denmark's beaten finalist, beat Art Larsen (the holder of the cup) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 and 6-4 in the other semi-final, and will meet Davidson on Monday in the first all-foreign final since 1927.

Jean Borotra, of France, beat his fellow countryman, Jacques Brugnon, in the 1927 final. The last non-American to win the title was Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, in 1946. Segura is now a professional.—Reuter.

## Santa Anita Derby

Arcadia, Calif., Feb. 21.

Determine won the \$131,000 (\$47,000) Santa Anita Derby, over one mile one furlong, yesterday and on a fast track equalled the Derby record time of one minute 48.8 seconds.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Engineers' Association will be held at the Nani Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon on Tuesday 23rd February, 1954 at 6.30 p.m. All past and present members of the Corps of Royal Engineers (including affiliated units) are cordially invited to attend.

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## American Officials Say:

## "Rhee Must Keep All His Troops In His Own Backyard"

Washington, Feb. 21.

South Korea's plan to send a division to aid in the war against the Communists in Indo-China apparently is "dead" unless France unexpectedly changes its position, US officials said today.

They said approval of the plan would be highly doubtful even if France should agree, in view of this country's strong opposition to withdrawing any native troops from South Korea as long as that nation is menaced by Communism.

"There has been nothing to put new life into the thing in the last few days," one official said. "The only thing that could change the outlook would be for France to approve the plan. And we do not expect that to happen."

French officials have emphasized they fear such a step might prompt Red China to enter the Indo-China fighting openly.

Diplomatic experts here also doubted that either France or the United States would want to take any action now that might jeopardize the success of the forthcoming Far Eastern peace talks scheduled to be held in Geneva, on April 28.

While the Geneva conference was set up at the Berlin Big Four meeting primarily to discuss Korea, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has said that peace also might be established in Southeast Asia if the Communists are sincere in wanting peace.

U.S. officials likewise emphasized that the US cannot overlook the "grim fact" that some 1,000,000 Red troops are poised along South Korea's northern border during the present period of uneasy peace.

IN HIS OWN YARD  
 "This country's feeling is that Mr. Rhee should keep all his troops in his own backyard as long as there is a possibility of new trouble there," officials said. These officials said General John E. Hull, U.S. Far East Commander, is believed to have told Mr. Rhee as much when the South Korean President outlined the plan to him. General Hull, as commander of the United Nations forces in Korea, would have an important voice in any final decision on the proposal. Before returning to the Far East on Friday after a round of conferences here, General Hull said he could not spare any troops from Korea now.

Defence experts said a South Korean division in Indo-China might raise more problems than it would solve in view of the supply and other problems involved. There also would be the question of providing reinforcements for the inevitable military and non-combat casualties.

One indication of the slight importance attached to Mr. Rhee's offer was seen in the meeting here last Friday of the 17 United Nations allies in Korea. The meeting approved the decision to meet with Red China in Geneva but did not even discuss Mr. Rhee's plan, informants said.—United Press.

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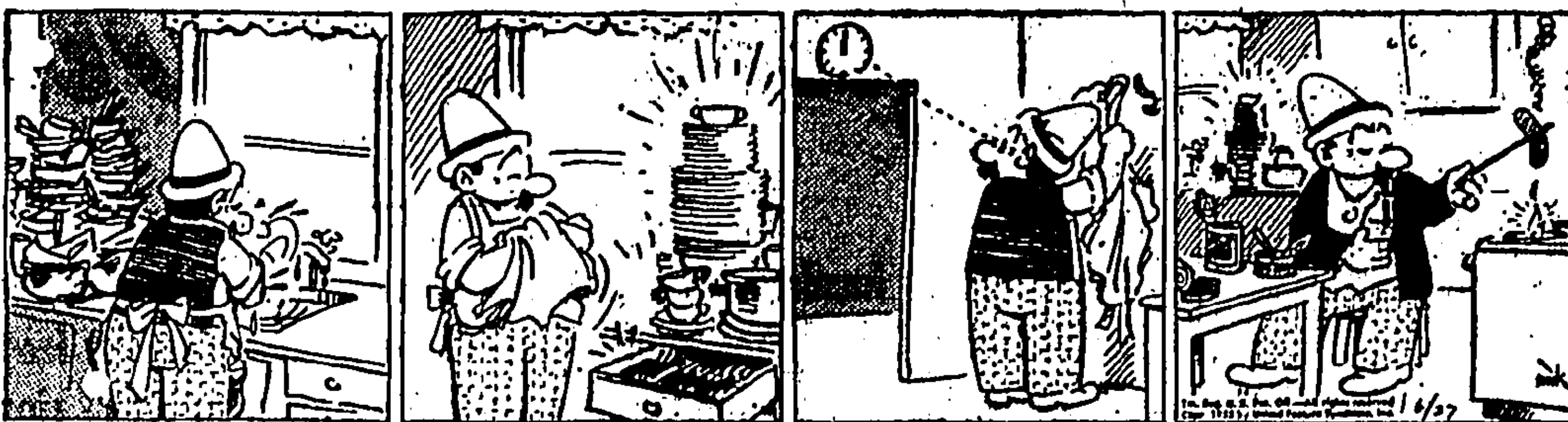
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## Twelve-Day Strike Ends

Calcutta, Feb. 22.

West Bengal teachers, whose pay demands touched off violent rioting in which six people were killed and more than 200 injured, ended their 12-day strike last night.

The State Government conceded a substantial part of the teachers' demands, and the President of the All-Bengal Teachers Association, Mr. Manmohan Sen Gupta, said the teachers would return to work today.

Troops were again called to Calcutta last Tuesday when widespread disorders broke out following a "scuttling" demonstration by the teachers.

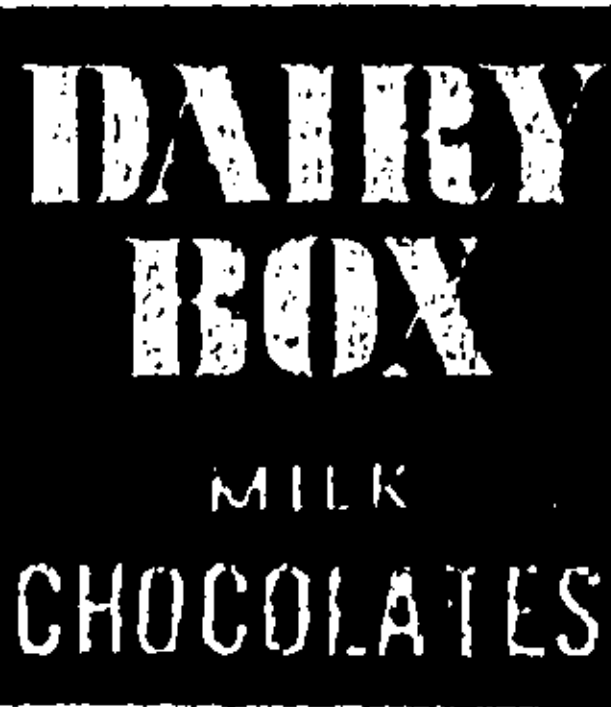
Tension continued until Saturday night, when 45 arrests followed bomb-throwing incidents in a Calcutta suburb. The troops were withdrawn early yesterday.

The State Government announced last night it had agreed to release all those arrested during the strike except those accused of violence. Several hundred were in custody.

The Government agreed to raise the initial pay of untrained undergraduates teachers by 18 shillings sterling, bringing it to \$4.10 a month, and to raise the Government test of living allowances from 18 shillings sterling to \$4.10 a month.

School committees were given until next January to decide if they could pay a similar cost of living allowance. In addition to make up the total of \$4.10 as demanded by the teachers.

About 25,000 teachers are employed in the Government system.





## Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From London

This week's Aviation round-up from London includes an item about the growing popularity of Britain's midjet jet-fighter the Folland Gnat, which stands no more than five ft. six high, which can be produced at one-third of the cost of the conventional jet fighter and in one-fifth of the number of man-hours. Other items tell you in this special feature to The China Mail, how pilots can land the new R.A.F. crescent-wing jet bomber the Victor "hands-off," and how guided missiles are piloted.

Throughout the British  
European Airways network,  
records for passenger traffic  
were broken in 1964. Passengers  
carried totalled 1,326,000.

Flown by a woman pilot carrying a passenger, a British-built Alouette has been making record flights from Sydney to Adelaide, Sydney-Broken Hill and back to Sydney, and Sydney-Broken Hill-Sydney non-stop.

The Hurl-Dubels claim the unusual wing is that enables the plane to carry much greater load with same engine than one of conventional wing design. The Hurl-Dubels claim are working on a bigger girl using the same style of wing. This will be fitted with a Pratt & Whitney R-1340 engine and is designed to fly at 400 m.p.h.

## From Our Correspondent

Justifying the decision to allow more non-dollar goods to be imported into Australia, the Prime Minister, Mr R.G. Menzies said "exports in the seven months to January amounted to almost £2800 million which was £225 million greater than in the same period last year. Although wool prices are at present lower than they were earlier this season and notwithstanding the weaker tendency in the wheat market it is unlikely that exports this financial year will fall far short of the very satisfactory total reached in 1962-63."

**COTTONS EXPORTS**

Raw cotton exports destination as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1953-54 season, February 16:

Country	Exports
Brazil	10,000 bales
Cameroon	10,000 bales
Ghana	10,000 bales
Togo	10,000 bales
Total for above countries	40,000 bales
Others	1,000 bales
Total	41,000 bales

Source: United Press

Mr. Mitsuno, who came from Switzerland, was having landed in Belgium but his plane was diverted by snow storms. He is continuing his trip by air.

Two members of delegation are already in Yugoslavia. They are Tadatsura Matsudaira, Mr. Ichiro Shibusha, both of the Export-Import Bank of Japan, and Mr. Shibusha.

(By Our Correspondent)

vices is also being planned.  
other Empire sea routes includ-  
ing South-east Asia, Pakistan,  
India and South Africa.

**IS FINEST COMBINE**

In Tokyo it is Japanese ship-  
ping alone have set up  
business deals in "wholesome"  
oil trade rather than oil pro-  
ducts themselves. They have

## From Our Correspondent

The fall in tobacco shares following the announcement that a Government committee had found a relationship between smoking and cancer, was checked on Wednesday by the announcement from Imperial Tobacco Company that group trading profits last year were up £778,000 to £24 million. "Imps" finished at 56½ against 55½ at Tuesday's close and British American tobacco shares recovered from 39½ to 40½.

New York, Feb. 21.  
Stocks declined in the

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A big expansion in Japanese shipping is being planned to deal with her export cargoes, under the recent trade pact. Shipping schedules from Japan to the Thames as well as other British and European ports are to be doubled.

in 1969-70, Japan's direct shipping line has set up an organization to study and develop new routes to shipping areas in the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. The hope is to make the Red Sea a

Tokyo, Feb. 21  
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attend 6 two-man mission group

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